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Jamaica
Minutes of Corresponding Committee.

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Rec. Aug. 9/27

At a meeting of the Jamaica Corresponding Committee of the Church Missionary Society held at Morant Bay on Wednesday 13 June 1827 present

Revd. J. M. Trew
Griffith Griffiths
John Thorp
H. J. Yates

The Committee having carefully deliberated as to the expediency of sending a Christian Teacher to the Maroons of Moore Town in the Parish of Portland and of providing a suitable place of Residence for him,

Resolved That a bill be drawn on the Society in London in favour of William Taylor Esqre of Kingston for the purpose of meeting the following incidental expences viz

for the purchase of
1 Bed
6 Chairs
& 1 Table

Also for House Rent, and for a quarters advance to the Teacher — The above articles to be forwarded to the care of the Revd Mr Griffiths and to remain the property of the Society

The Committee anxious to make immediate arrangements for prosecuting the work in this interesting field of labour Resolv'd That Mr. James Tucker be appointed Catechist pro tempore his Salary to commence from the date of his first visit to the Town on ye 21st of May last at £85 Sterling per Annum subject to the approval of the Society and that a quarters advance be made to him immediately

Resolv'd, That Mr. Tucker be instructed to keep a correct journal of his proceedings for the purpose of being transmitted to the Society

Resolved That ye Revd Mr. Griffiths be requested to make such arrangements for facilitating the labours of Mr. Tucker Succeeding Teachers as he may think most likely to promote the objects of the Society in that quarter of the Island.

Resolved That ye Revd Mr. Griffiths be requested to apply to The Lord Bishop of the Diocese for a licence for Mr. Tucker

Resolved That very particular relative to the district of Manchioneal be laid before the Society with an earnest request from this Committee that its peculiar Situation be taken into their earliest consideration

Resolvd That a copy of the foregoing Resolutions be transmitted to the Society by the earliest conveyance

W. Mill. Lecy.

Rec. Aug. 3/27.

St. Thomas in the East Jamaica
16th. June 1827.

My dear Sir,

The Clerical members of the Corresponding Committee, having had an opportunity of meeting together it was considered advisable to take into serious consideration the propriety of proceeding at once to lay the foundation of a permanent Christian Establishment among the Negroes which I have before written you, in the Parish of Portland, not doubting that your liberality will justify our plan of operation, as well the pecuniary advances we have judged needful to make, in order to the decent subsistence of the Catechist elect.

I beg leave therefore to transmit a copy of our proceedings & to state that they have been submitted to the consideration of our friends Messrs Wildman & Taylor & in the event of their concurrence with which I have no doubt, I have resolved to advise Mr. Taylor to purchase at the easiest possible rate the articles alluded to, in our proceedings & stated that when he shall have done this & remitted to the Catechist Mr. Tucker a Quarter salary in advance, I shall will give him a Bill on Mr. Coates for the

amount. Mr. Stainsby to whom I have shown the proceedings also agrees with us in the propriety of such a conclusion. Should the G. M. S. be of a contrary opinion however, we calculate upon the Ladies Society uniting our present exertions in regard to this very interesting field of christian labour but for myself I cannot for a moment doubt that were our venerable institution, anxious as many of her influential members are to extend the benefits of its labours to this hitherto much neglected corner of the world, still were an opportunity is presented, some friend to assist to the Maroons the saving knowledge of the Gospel. Indeed were I asked to point out the most interesting object for the exercise of benevolence in this Island it would be Moore Town the population of which is as follows

| | Maroons |
|---|---|
| Men — | 116 |
| Women — | 158 |
| Boys — | 37 |
| Male Childn. | 107 |
| Girls — | 113 |
| Female Child | 106 |
| | 539 |
| Slaves about | 59 |
| Free Settlers not maroons about | 30 |
| | 628 |

Mr. Griffith whose name is so often mentioned in our proceedings has at present the charge of the Living of Portland as he has been already stated in my former letter. It should however be stated that the above 628 souls must remain in a great measure ignorant of the blessings

of the Gospel, unless the extreme urgency of their case should excite a feeling of Christian sympathy amongst our Christian friends in Britain.

I am enjoined to state further the peculiar circumstances of the district of Manchioneal in this parish being the present scene of Mr Griffiths labours. This place, where we have a most interesting congregation, & a very comfortable Chapel, is now destitute of a Minister. I believe one might be procured here, but perhaps not so much to our satisfaction. Hence I do not wish to press the appointment where there is reason to fear that our people might not be helped without the labours of a living man. [You will, I doubt not use this communication cautiously.]

Rev. Sir Your Servants here are decidedly of opinion that one of Mr Phillippo's sons ought to be sent out to us, & to be substituted by Your Society in lieu of one of our Bishops. Thanking for myself, his Lordship & our Brethren great deference in Licensing any Catechist who has been recommended by me to his notice, & on one occasion when I [illegible] to make application to him to recommend a Candidate for orders, he very willingly did so, & gave him at my instance private ordination. Under circumstances I address in order to show the probable favor we might expect at his Lordships hands in any such emergency as

I do assure that the district of Manchineal contains a very large population, as you will observe from the Almanack which I have herewith to present you, & which you may find useful as a book of reference — I also have the honour of a Chapel in the District of Blue Mountain Valley, where it is of the utmost importance that we should have a pious active man — I do trust that these circumstances into your consideration & you will send by Parochial Commissioner here a gentleman in orders / or if he cannot to take orders among your Colonial with power to give them a title for the Curacy footing as I am informed your Missionaries are in Africa / say £200 stg & Rent & Medicine Bills not included —

It is needless for me to attempt to press this subject on your attention & expect the great economy of this & Bahama me by dear Mr. Archer with

unfeignedly yours

W. W.

Please add the following names, to the list of N.Y. subscribers, & the amt. will be paid with the hands of our friend Mr. Taylor here.

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| Revd | Griffith Griffiths | £1–1–. stg |
| Revd. | Hezekiah Seymour Yates | 1–1 |
| Revd | John Thorp | 1–1 |
| Revd. | J M. Freeman | 1–1 |
| Wm Taylor Esq | | 1–1. |

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Rev. J. M. Trew,
with
Min.s of Cor.g Com.e June 13/27.

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Rec'd Feb 5/28

At a meeting of the Corresponding Committee of the Church Missionary Society held at Papine on thursday the 13th day of December 1827. Were present

Revd W. S. Yates
" I Thorp
Mr Thos. Taylor
& Secretary

On Motion of William Taylor Esqr it was resolved

that Thos Whitehorn, George Kinghorn Prince & James Miller Esqrs be requested to add their Names to the Corresponding Committee

The Committee having been requested by the Revd Griffith Griffiths seriously to take into their consideration the Lamentable State of the Maroons at Portland & seriously to deliberate on the best means of providing a Minister or Teacher for the Chapel lately Erected there, it was resolved,

That an official communication be made to the Secretary of the Parent Society, Stating the removal of Mr Tucker from Maroon Town in consequence of severe indisposition, & earnestly entreating the Society to send out without the least possible delay an Ordained Missionary whom the Corresponding Committee will engage to have him placed at Maroon Town or in some other Sphere for active Operations on being Authorized to draw Value on the Society in England for a Reasonable Sum for his support

With a view to furnish the Committee at Home with as perfect a Statement

as possible of the religious wants of the Island at Large

Resolved. That each Member of the Corresponding Committee pledge themselves to furnish at the next Meeting whatever information each individual can collect relating to this important Subject

Resolved That a letter be addressed to each individual as may from time to time be judged favourable to the views of the institution Stating what are their views Soliciting their friendly co-operation

Resolved That the Secretary be authorized to transmit a copy of the foregoing resolutions to the Secretary of the Parent Society—

The Corresponding Committee having been apprized of the decease of Mr. Thomas Bourne one of the Societys Teachers at Papine Jdeeming it a duty they owe to Mr Wildman to release him from the heavy expence incident to the support of the afflicted Widow as soon as may be expedient

Ordered, That Mr. Thos. Taylor be requested to procure a passage for Mrs Bourne whenever Mr Wildman may approve of her removal to England. That a Bill be drawn on the Society in London to meet this demand.

Dec. 1823.

Min's of Jamaica Corr. Com.

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Rec'd Feb 27/28 St Thomas ye East Jamaica
Ans'd Mch 15/28 5th Jany 1828

My dear Sir

I am desired by the Jamaica Agricultural
Comme of the C. M. S. to communicate to you
the following minute of their proceedings—
at a meeting held at Mount Moscal Bay
on Thursday the 27th Dec. 1827
J. P. Wildman Esqr
in the chair
were present
The Revd Griffith Griffiths
— H. J. Gates
— J. M. Trew
William Taylor
& G. H. Price Esqrs

The minutes of the former meeting having been
read, & the lamentable state of the Maroons
at Moore Town again adverted to, Mr. Wildman
communicated to the Comme the recent arrival of
Mr. Collins, desiring their advice & submitting whether
it might not be expedient that Mr. Collins should
be sent to reside by that interesting tribe, till
advice shall have been rec'd from the Society
in England, & accordingly offering to forego his

our claims on the services of that individual
that the Committee be of opinion that he ought to
do so, when it was resolved,
That the Committee accept
with great gratitude of this mark of Mr.
Wilkinson's disinterested regard for the success of
their labours at those Iron Works, & that the
Treasurer (Wm Langley Esq) be requested to make
arrangements for the early removal of
Mr. Collins to the scene of his labours.

Wm. Tew Secy

I sincerely hope that this arrangement may
afford as much satisfaction to your Committee
as it has done to my friends in this Quarter.

Our Bishop sailed for England a few
days ago - The Society will I hope take
advantage of his Lordship's visit to England

to provide if possible for the introduction of a few more faithful ministers.

I am much pressed for time or could say much on this subject — As there is a probability from my returning health that I may not have occasion to visit England this year, I shall take for an early communication from the Society

Believe me my dear Sir
affectly Yours
J. W. Weeks

Kingston January 9th

At a special meeting of the Commrs held here this day, were present, J. B. Wildmans
Wm Sayles
Wm Whitehorne
& Revd. J. Ira Fuller

In consequence of the severe indisposition of Mr. Tucker rendering him completely unfit for the discharge of his duties at Pakenham the Commrs deem it necessary to retain Mr. Collins at that station & therefore Resolve that he be retained accordingly —
Further Resolved, That Mr. David McPherson be employed as a Catechist at Beaver Town
Revd Edwd Bickersteth & Plans under the care of the
Revd Mr. Griffith — that Mr. McPherson's salary be
140 Currency & Allowance.

J. W. Weeks Secy.

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Rev. J. M. Trent.

Jan. 9/28.

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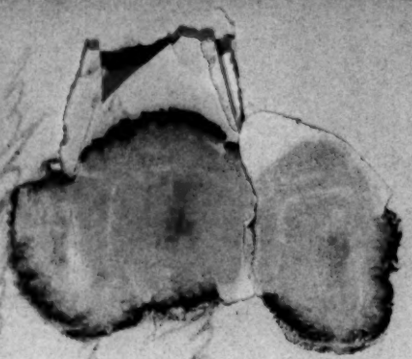

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6/30/28

At a meeting of the Corresponding Committee of the Wesleyan Missionary Society, held at Wilberforce in St. Thos. in the East on the 5th March 1828 — were present

Wm. Taylor Esq.r — in the chair
Revd H.S. Yates
— J. Thorp
Geo. K. Shrine. M.D.
And The Secretary.

Mr. Taylor having stated that he had engaged a passage to England for Mrs. Jones & her three children, for the sum of £80 Stg. & he having likewise paid to Mr. M.Pherson, the Catechist stationed at Moravtown the sum of £35. Cy being one Quarter's Salary.

It was Resolved that Mr Taylor be reimbursed by a bill of exchange for £100. 8/- Stg to be drawn on my Soc.y. & that my Secretary advise my Soc.y

The Revd Mr Trew having intimated his intention of leaving the Island it was Resolved that the Revd G. Griffiths be requested to accept the Office of Secretary & Mr Jones, of Moravtown that of Assistant Secy.

Mr Taylor, the Society's Catechist at Salt Savanna having peremptorily refused to obey Mr M'Donnell's directions to proceed to the Station at Low Ground to give instruction to the population of that District & he having expressed much dissatisfaction with his present appointment (as is evident by his letter of the 31st Janry. last & of which a Copy is annexed) Resolved that the Services of Mr Taylor be dispensed with & that the Treasurer be instructed to defray the Expence of his return to Great Britain if it be his wish to return; & that

A Letter from the Secty in England having been read, intro-
=ducing to their disposal the Services of Mr. Manning
Resolved that the said Mr Manning, at the express wish of
J.B. Wildman Esqre be appointed as Catechist to Papeete
that Mr Collins be stationed at Salt Savannah &
Mr Tucker at Low Ground — the latter to exchange occa
=sionally with the former.

The wants of Accompong
Town having been made known to the Committee,
Resolved, that a Christian teacher be appointed to that
Station at a Salary of £140 Cy p Annm., & that a donation
of £35 Cy. be given from our local Means to assist in
erecting a building suitable for a School house
and Chapel; And that the Treasurer be requested
to pay the same to the order of Matt: Farquharson Esq.

Resolved — that the Secretary be requested to
make a representation to the Ladies &c
in England of the spiritual destitution of Accompong
Town, & earnestly to solicit their assistance & support.

Resolved that Mr Sharp be appointed to Accompong
Town & that the Treasurer be requested to pay
a Quarter's Salary in advance

Resolved, that a form of a Notice of the
Returns of duties be made out & that a copy
thereof be transmitted to each Catechist, requiring
him to furnish a Monthly Return to the Secretary
according to the form prescribed: note, this
not to interfere with the Journal required by the
Society at home.

Mr. Taylor having furnished interesting communica
respecting prospects of usefulness in several parts of the
Island, resolved that this Gentleman be requested to
draw up a report of the same to be forwarded
by him to the Parent Society.

Resolved that the Treasurer be requested to purchase 12 Catechisms for y^e use of the Society's Catechist:

That the Society's Catechist be instructed to employ a medical attendant at a sum of £10 p^r ann^m:

That the treasurer be requested to order 24 Miss^y Registers to be sent out Monthly, for the benefit of the Subscribers.

The Treasurer having presented his accounts there was found to be a balance in his hands of £46-6-8

Ordered that the above sum be carried to the credit of The Jamaica Auxiliary Church Miss^y Society

Signed Wm Taylor Chairman

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At a Quarterly Meeting of the Corresponding Com^e of the Church Miss^y Society, held at Wilmington on y^e 5th March 1828: The business before y^e Com^e having been disposed of, it was unanimously resolved, in consequence of the increase of Friends by y^e Institution

That a Jamaica Auxiliary Church Miss^y Soc^y be established & that the Laws & Regulations of the parent Society regulating y^e proceedings of their Branch Associations, so far as local circumstances will permit, be adopted.

On y^e motion of the Revd J.M. Drew, seconded by the Revd. John Thorp, Resolved that the R^t Hon^{ble} Sir Jas H. Rose be requested to accept the office of Patron, and J. B. Wildman Esq^r that of President of the Society

On y^e motion of Wm Taylor, seconded by Geo: K. Prince

Resolved that the following Gentlemen be requested to accept the Offices of Vice Presidents &c

Wm Sterling Esqre: Revd. J. M. Trew: William Stothart Esqre: Arthur Foulkes Esqre: Jas. Miller Esq. Archibald Sterling Esqre. —

On the motion of the Revd Mr. Trew seconded by Mr. Taylor, Resolved that the following Gentlemen be requested to be members of the General Comee: Matthew Farquharson Esqre: E. T. Cooke Esqre: Wm Whitehorne Esqre: Geo: K. Prince M.D. Revnds J. Thorp, H. S. Yates & H. Beaumont.

On motion of Revd. J. Thorp seconded by Revd. H. S. Yates — Resolved that Wm Taylor be requested to act as Treasurer.

On motion of Geo. K. Prince seconded by Revd H. S. Yates, Resolved that the Revd. G. Griffiths be requested to act as Secretary & Mr. John Jones as assistant Secretary. —

Mr H C Taylor to Mr Feldman

Annexed No 1

Salt Ocean 31st Jany 1828

Dear Sir

It is now two years since I came to this Country during which time I have suffered so much inconvenience by bad health (most of the school-time being lost) that my patience is exhausted and most certainly I would have left a twelvemonth ago, if I had had the most distant idea of so many delays. I shall defer writing to the Society until the arrival of the next packet in order that there may be a proper understanding between us first on the subject. I have reason also to fear that my means are not sufficient, and this awakens serious considerations in my mind, as to the proper path for me to pursue. However I hope to hear from or see you before any thing final is determined on by me. I am &c Signed H C Taylor

Recd Feb. 24/36

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Extract

A. from the Minutes of the Corresponding Com^ee July 29^th/36.

Resolved

That the Corr^g Com^ee have learned from the Secretary with painful concern the present determination of the Rev^d C. D. F. Harcourt to withdraw from the Jamaica Mission early in the ensuing year. - The very interesting & important sphere of usefulness opening before him, for which he is so eminently qualified, leads the Com^ee to regard this determination, as a measure highly prejudicial to the interests of this Mission, the apparent evils of which they would most gladly have averted.

The Com^ee however, while thus recording their expressions of regret at this seemingly untoward event, cannot, in justice to themselves, refrain from observing that in any misunderstanding, which may have led to Mr. Harcourt's proposed departure from his Station, they have not participated. That to the utmost of their power, from the first moment of Mr. Harcourt's arrival in Jamaica upto this present time, they have associated with him on terms of fraternal affection; invited his communications with reference to his special work; acted upon every suggestion emanating from him, & relating thereto; & endeavoured to promote his happiness, as well as his efficiency in his Missionary calling.

Resolved That from the general tenor of Mr. Harcourt's observations to this Com^ee in January last, having then but recently arrived in the Island, they are fully impressed with the conviction, that the mind of Mr. Harcourt, in arriving at his present determination, was influenced by feelings & circumstances, over which this Com^ee have had no control.

Rec'd Sep. 22/36.

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Kingston Jamaica
Aug.t 9.th 1836.

My dear Sir

1. My last letter was dated July 30.th/36 since which I have received yours of July 1.st/36 enclosing a letter from the Rev.d Mr. Jowett to the Bishop of Jamaica on the subject of the Rev.d C. J. May's separation from the Society. — The Cor: Comm: which was sitting at the date of my last, had adjourned until the 10.th of November (10.th) when they meet again. We shall therefore proceed to carry your instructions into effect immediately by communicating with the Bishop & with Mr. May.

2. I mentioned in my last that the Cor: Comm: had adopted several resolutions, which I must communicate. The first relates to the Secretaryship & is copied below. The provisions are made by the Rev.d Mr. Trew, & were adopted by the Comm.ee after much consideration. It was thought the lowest sum on which the Secretary & his family could live in this expensive Island, & peculiarly expensive neighbourhood. — The Cor: Comm: wish me to procure a Curate to perform my duties at Bath, that the Missionaries may remain at their several Stations: but if I find this impossible (as I fear will be the case; for all the ordained men in the Island are engaged) then one of the Missionaries will take the duty, & will be supported from the Stipend.

3. The Cor. Comm: have also received into connection, on probation, a young man of the name of William Ashby — the Son of the Controller of the Customs at Montego Bay, who was recommended by the Rev.d Messrs. Blanshard & Stone, & by other friends — as an European Catechist. — He has been formerly engaged as a Catechist under the Bishop's license, & therefore is not inexperienced. — He has been requested to join Mr. W. Faber at Salt Savannah to conduct that Station with him for the present, & also with the view of affording Mr. Faber, whose conduct has been very satisfactory to the Comm.ee authors spiritual improvement has been much pleading, an opportunity of reading to qualify himself for Holy Orders. — Should your Comm.ee sanction his intention. The Station of Salt Savannah has been much extended by Mr. Faber & now requires an ordained Missionary. This is also the case with some of the new Stations — particularly "Port Morant" & "Long Bay,"

the duties of which are unordained Catechists will not be able efficiently to perform. This will also be the case with Isaacson.

4. The Cor: Com: have likewise engaged the services of Mr. Eugene Hester, a native of Colour. He has been a Catechist, & has laboured steadily & efficiently for nearly fifteen years, having formerly employed by Mr. Trew, when he was Rector of St. Thomas in the East. He is also the first man of Colour, who was permitted to give religious instruction to the Slaves in this Island. He has long wished to join the Society: but, as he was employed by the Bishop, & we never wished to draw any good man from the employ of the Bishop - wishing rather that his Lordship's Catechists were all such as the Society would approve - we discouraged his wish. Now however the funds by which he has been supported having failed, he again offered himself to the Society, & has been accepted by the Cor: Com:. He will keep a second School in the Port Morant District - under the superintendence of the Missionary, who will be placed there. Mr Seddon is at present there; & we await your instructions respecting his destination.

5. We are at a loss to know how the new stations, the School-Houses attached, to which are erected at the cost of the Government Grant, will be supplied with Teachers. You have not yet informed us how many additional Labourers the Com^ee intend to send out this Autumn. At least seven will be required of whom four ought to be ordained. - We cannot yet look to the Normal School for Teachers: indeed our uncertainty respecting that Institution prevents our taking active means to increase the number of Scholars, which is at present confined to six. - We are however endeavouring to push forward the buildings to be erected by the Government Grant: the progress is however very slow: we can scarcely obtain Masons or Carpenters to carry on the work. The payment of the Compensation money having thrown a great increase of capital into the Island almost all the residents here are building new, or enlarging old premises, & the Tradesmen are fully employed. All the religious bodies are also erecting Chapels & School-houses, & in some places not a single workman can be found unemployed.

6. If the Rev.d Mr. Hanwell should, as we fear, leave the Mission; & the Society be at a loss to supply his place; would they approve of the Rev.d Sir. H. Betts as Superintendant of the Institution? I have reason to think he would undertake it, if a more competent man cannot be obtained. — I have no further communications from Mr. Hanwell.

7. I am desired by the Cor. Com.e to request permission from the Parent Com.tee to add the names of the Rev.d H. S. Gates & the Rev.d John C. Stone to our list as Members of this Corresponding Committee. — The former is one of the original Members, who has been some years resident in England, & has now returned to the Island. — The latter was ordained Priest by the Bishop of Jamaica about a year ago. He is a young man of great de- [illegible] of singular sobriety & judgment. He would be a valuable addition to our counsels: & our number is necessarily ~~decreased~~ reduced by departures from the Island.

I must now, my dear Sir, conclude as I am very unwell & scarcely know what I am writing. Excuse any blunders & confusion: & believe me

Yours very faithfully

Rich.d Fenton

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Extract from Minutes of the Corresponding Committee

July 28th 1836

Resolved

That the services of the Rev.d Rich.d Fenton be solicited & accepted of, as Secretary to the Jamaica Asso.n C. Mi. Society at a Salary of Three hundred pounds Sterling p.r an. payable in England — such Salary to commence from the 1st day of January last in consideration of the expence attending his removal to the neighbourhood of Stingeton, & that such sum be considered an equitable provision for the support of any future Secretary.

(signed) F. M. T.
C. O.

Kingston, Aug. 9/36 30

Rev R. Paxton

Extract from Minutes of
Con Conv. July 28/36

Copies sent to Messrs Lovell
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Rec'd Jan: 10/37

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## Corresponding Committee 28th Octr

The Secretary read the following letter addressed to the Comee

"Devon: Pen 27th Octr 1836.

"Being ourselves prevented by indisposition from attending
"the Corresponding Comee of the Church Missionary Society this day,
"we desire to record our deliberate judgment in the matter
"of the Revd Mr Panton & the Secretaryships of the Society.—
"For the reasons referred to in the accompanying resolutions,
"we do not hesitate to recommend to the Comee that the
"Revd Mr Panton should at once relinquish his Curacy at
"Bath, & humbly trusting that the Great Head of the Church
"may endue him with wisdom, & strength, zeal, prudence,
"& every needful grace to enable him for the glory of God, &
"the good of immortal souls, to fulfil the sacred trust, at
"once to enter upon the duties of the Secretaryship."

(Signed) "C. F. Hall
"J. M. Trew"

### Resolved 11—

That it is with feelings of deep regret the Comee have been made acquainted with the official announcement of the Secretary of the Lord Bishop & their Secretary the Revd R. Panton, recalling suddenly his leave of absence, & commanding the immediate re-sumption of his duties at Bath.

### Resolved 12.

That at a provisional meeting of the Comee in the month of March last a Deputation was appointed to wait upon the Bishop, with the view of pointing out to his Lordship, that in consequence of the grants made by Govern-ment to the Society, for the purposes of erecting School-houses & carrying into effect the general purposes of the Mission, it had become necessary for the Society to appoint one of their number to the immediate superintendance of these important objects; & soliciting his Lordship's permission to Mr Panton's absenting himself from residence at Bath, for a period of twelve months for this purpose.

Resolved 13.

That to this request his Lordship was pleased very readily to assent,— approving also the proposition that one of the Society's Missionaries should undertake the performance of Mr Panton's duties as his Substitute.

Resolved 14.

That on such grounds the Comtee recommended the immediate removal of Mr Panton & his family to the neighbourhood of Kingston, requiring the Revd Mr Morse to become his locum tenens, & intending as such to recommend him to the Bishop.

Resolved 15.

That pending such arrangement the Revd Mr Morse was compelled by a severe illness suddenly to leave the Island; & thus the Comtee were obliged to look out for a substitute in another quarter.

Resolved 16.

That the Comtee appointed the Revd Mr Forbes, another of their Missionaries, to remove from Moore Town for the purpose of supplying for a limited time Mr Panton's duties: & requested Mr Panton to endeavour to provide as speedily as possible from among the Clergy of the Island, a Substitute for the permanent discharge of the duties of his Cure.

Resolved 17.

That in consequence of the illness of Mr Morse, & pending the removal of Mr Forbes these duties were unavoidably interrupted in some degree much to the regret of Mr Panton & of the Comtee.

Resolved 18.

That at this juncture when Mr Panton was engaged in the business, which he had undertaken at the request of the Comtee, & with the sanction of his Diocesan,— the funds of the Government & of the Society being already involved in the erection of the buildings before alluded to, his Lordship thought fit peremptorily, as above stated to recall his leave of absence— to deprive Mr Panton of his income for omission of duty,— &, in contradiction to the permission previously granted declaring that Mr Panton's case did not entitle him to the privilege of discharging his duties by a substitute— ordered his immediate return to residence in St Thomas in the East.

Resolved 19.

That the foregoing being a brief statement of facts, the Comee feel, that in every particular relating to the removal of the Revd Mr Panton from Bath to Kingston, they have been his advisers:— They have been desirous throughout, they trust, of acting for the best interests of the Society as well as with a view to the extension of the Redeemer's Kingdom.

Resolved 20.

That contemplating the present aspect of affairs;— when Mr Panton is driven to the alternative of either disobeying his Diocesan, or resigning his Curacy;— the Comee further take upon themselves to advise Mr Panton's adopting the latter measure, which seems to them marked out by Providence as the only means by which the Mission can be preserved from immediate dissolution in this Colony:— there being no other individual at liberty who can supply the important post he is now occupying.

Extr from Minutes
Richd Panton
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Jamaica, Oct 28/36 101

Minutes of Corr. Comte

Rec'd Sep: 14/37

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Malvern Hill St Elizabeth.
Jamaica.
6 July 1837.

My dear Sir

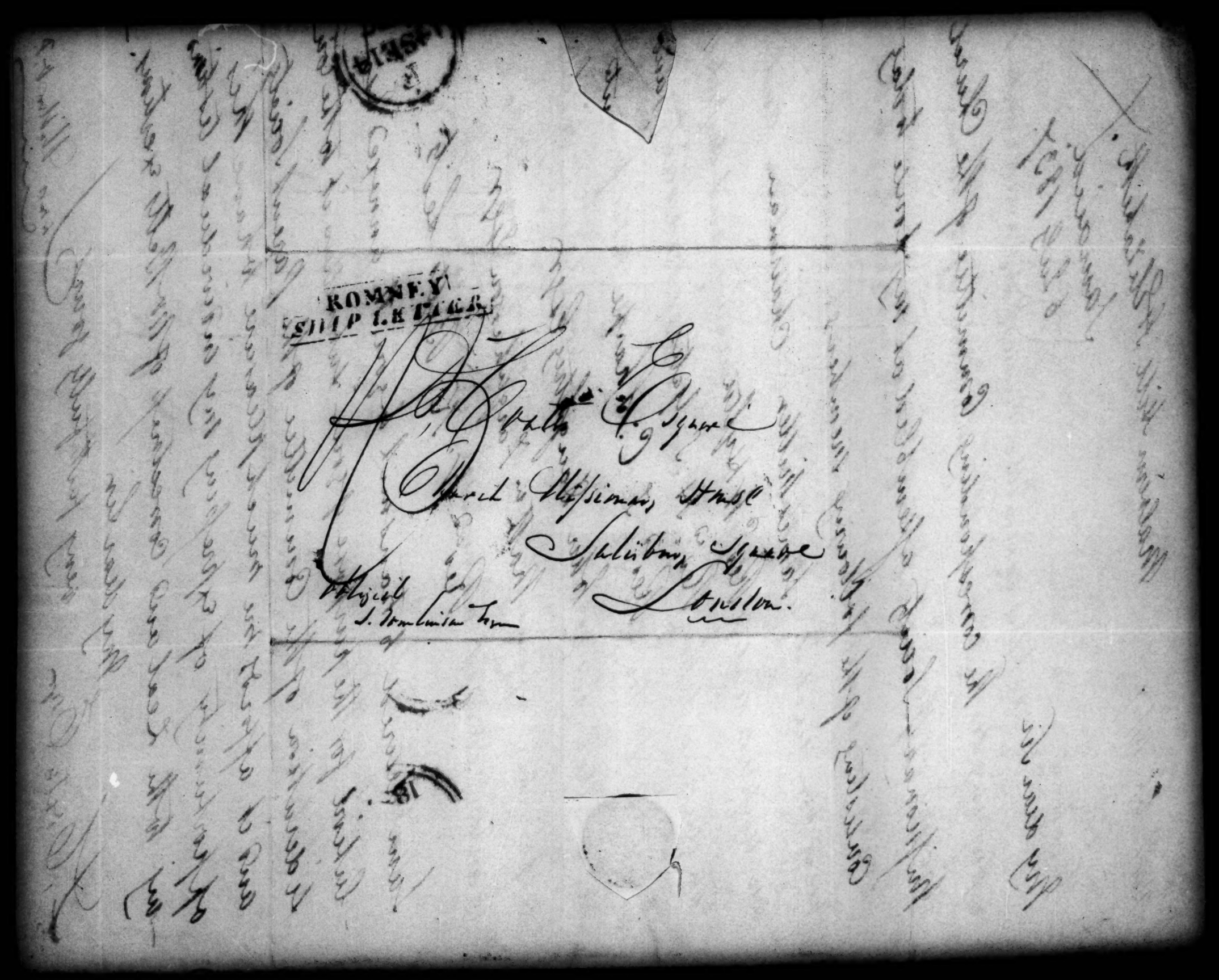
The corresponding Committee of the Church Missionary Society assembled at my house today consisting of the following members

James Miller Chairman
Rev^d W. Hylton
Rev^d H. S. Yates
Rev^d J. C. Sharpe
John Daughtrey Esq^r
Matth^w Farquharson Esq^r
Rev^d W. K. Betts Sec^y

I am desired to transmit to you the annexed Resolution for the purpose of your submitting it to the consideration of the Committee of the Parent Society, and it affords me much pleasure to have this opportunity of expressing my individual testimony to the Zeal and correctness of Mr Betts exertions.

My dear Sir
very faithfully yours
James Miller V.P.

Rev^d T. Coates Esq^r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Resolved,

That this committee cannot separate without expressing the high sense they entertain of the valuable services of the Revd W. K. Betts, as Secretary to the Society, as since his appointment the business has been conducted with the strictest attention and an unprecedented degree of regularity and despatch conducive to the general interests of the Society, and they cannot too strongly recommend to the parent Committee his permanent appointment to this responsible office, Provided the Reverend Richard Panton should acquiesce in this Resolution.

Malvern Hill
St Elizabeths
6 July 1837.

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Resolution of Commissioners

Petersburg, July 6th 1787

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Memorandum.

In consequence of the indisposition of the Revd. Mr. Panton; & the very pressing nature of the Society's business at this particular crisis, as well as the absence from Town of any other members of the Corresponding Committee; we have felt ourselves imperatively called upon to act for the Society's interest in the matter following, confidently looking for indemnity from the Parent Society.

The Revd. C. L. F. Haensel having expressed an earnest desire to be released from the charge of the Normal School, & the Revd W. K. Betts having been summoned to town to superintend that Institution & to act as Secretary in the absence of Mr. Panton, where he has been waiting the decision of the Corresponding Committee for more than two weeks; it is of great importance to the interest of the Mission that prompt & permanent measures should at once be resorted to with reference to the Normal School.

The House now occupied as a Normal School is at an inconvenient distance from town. Its chief disadvantage seems to consist in the difficulty of conveying the necessary supplies of food from Kingston. It is moreover badly supplied with water; & is situated so near to the Negro houses of the Property as to render it difficult to

preserve the youths from the danger of corrupt example.
It is now rented at the annual cost of £100.

Careful enquiry has been made for a convenient & suitable spot which might combine within itself the necessary advantages. The Revd Mr Betts has made a circuit of a considerable part of the neighbourhood within eight miles of Kingston, & after diligent search can find but one place, & that offered only for sale. Mr Betts having reported favourably of this spot we felt it our duty to visit it with a view to its being considered eligible as a permanent station for the Normal School. Having done so we agree in opinion that it is in many respects a very desirable place, - healthy - accessible, sufficiently commodious for the Normal School as it now exists, well watered, retired, & on the whole suitable. The premises consist of a dwelling of 2 large rooms & 6 smaller ones & piazza, with out-offices, & in tolerably good repair; with about seventy [redacted] acres of land (less or more) which however being mountainous is not very valuable. It appears to us that so desirable a spot may not soon again present itself, & therefore we do not hesitate on behalf of the Society to call on the Treasurer to conclude with the Proprietor for the purchase of it.

If we are to blame for this act, the Society will consider that this step seems to involve considerations little short of the abandonment of the Normal School; & that it is intimately connected with the prosperity of the Mission. Feeling however that a meeting of the Corresponding Committee cannot be

summoned in time to meet the exegency of the case, & that the Secretary is indisposed, & that we are compelled to act either as purchasers of this place on behalf of the Society, or probably to deprive the Society of the advantage of doing so at any future period; we now, (in the humble hope that the good hand of our God may be upon us, & that the issue of this event may be for his glory,) resolve on becoming the purchasers, ~~of the~~ on behalf of the Society, of the Premises with land annexed &c, called "the Grove" - parish of St. Andrew, at an amount, ~~as aforesaid, of~~ ~~Seven Hundred~~ of £600. Sterling -

C. F. Hall.

Six hundred pounds Sterling -

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Memorandum of Mess.rs Trew,
I Hall respect.g the "Grove"

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Minutes of a Meeting of the Corresponding Committee held at Malvern Hill, St. Elizabeth's. on 5th & 6th of July 1837.

Present

James Miller. Esqr (Vice President) in the Chair.
Revd Wm Hylton
" H.S. Yates
" Thos C. Sharpe
John Daughtrey Esqr
Matt. Farquharson Esqr

Revd W.K Betts. acts Secretary

The Revd Wm Hylton opened the Meeting with Prayer.

The Minutes of the last meeting were read, & the correspondence arising therefrom.

The Extract Book required by 5th Resn of 13th October 1837 having been drawn up, & laid before the Committee. Resolved 1. That the same is approved & adopted by the Committee; and that it be circulated among the Missionaries and Catechists, in order that each may write out a Copy for his use; to remain permanently at the station he now occupies.

The Secretary having received a letter from Revd Mr Doust, enclosing one from a Soldier of the 64 Regt; charging Sergeant Wright with an attempt to commit suicide. Resolved 2. That further enquiry on this subject be instituted; & that Sergeant Wright be not employed in connection with the Society unless a satisfactory explanation of this painful report be obtained.

The Report of the Revd W.K Betts; visit to the several new stations was read, and gave rise to a series of resolutions respecting them as follows;

The Society's Solicitors having reported that so many difficulties present themselves in the way of the Society's obtaining a legal title for the land offered at Elm Wood, that they cannot advise the Society to build there: Resolved. 3. That Mr Edward Panton be informed that in consequence of these difficulties the Corresponding Committee do not feel themselves at liberty to avail themselves of this kind offer, or to erect buildings at Elm Wood.

The station at Elm Wood being by the above resolution abandoned; and the attention of the Cor. Comee having been directed to the adjoining property called Cog Hall, now offered to the Society for sale. Resolved 4 That the Revd J. Stone be applied to to enquire into the eligibility of Cog Hall as the Society's station in that neighbourhood; and if his opinion be favourable, negotiations be opened with the proprietor for the purchase of the same; & that Mr Edward Panton be informed of the desire of the Committee still to afford their aid to the people of that district; & that his assistance be solicited.

The present circumstances of the Birnam Wood station having been considered. Resolved 5. That the Comee regret they cannot do any thing further at present to facilitate the completion of the buildings at this station.

The contemplated new station at Ramble, in Vere, having been considered: Resolved. 6. That Matt. Farquharson Esqr be requested to visit the spot, and give his

opinion respecting it; & that Mr Matthie be requested to give particulars of what aid may be expected from the neighbouring properties, & the probable number of the surrounding population; & that the station be adopted, & the building of a School house be begun, if Mr Farquharson's report be favourable, on a legal title for the land being obtained.

The station called Elstree having come under ~~observation~~ consideration.

Resolved. 7. That it is with pain the Com^ee has heard the report of this station given by Mr Betts; and cannot avoid recording their regret that the Sub-Com^ee should authorize the erection of buildings on land for which no title, or even promise of title can be found among the Society's papers: — and that the Secretary be requested to communicate with Mr Logan, & ascertain every particular connected with the title for this station.

The station to be called Prattville coming next under the consideration of the Committee: Resolved. 8. That the Committee do not think the offer of 5 acres made by Mr Sweetland sufficient to induce them to establish a station; but should the quantity be increased to ten acres; they will abide by the 3^d Resolution of 27^th July 1836.

The station at Paul Island Estate being next brought forward;

Resolved. 9. That the Com^ee fully approve of the steps taken by the Revd Messrs Stainsby and Betts in effecting the removal of Mr Holt to Paul Island Estate; & request that the Secretary will convey to Mr George Gordon their thanks for his readiness to further the views of the Society; & trust that his representations to Mr Bright will be attended with success, so as to enable them to make a permanent station at Meylersfield.

The next station, that of Vaughan's field being considered which appears to be progressing: Resolved. 10. That Messrs Knott, Milner, & Gillies be requested to become a Sub-Com^ee to superintend the erection of the School house, which they recommend should be about 55 feet by 30; & that they be requested to exert themselves in the collection of funds to assist in defraying the necessary expence.

Resolved. 11. That the thanks of this Com^ee are due to the Revd W^m Betts for the trouble he has taken, & the fatigue he has undergone in procuring the very valuable information with which he has furnished them: — they request he will be pleased to accept their thanks.

Resolved. 12. That in future the Minutes of the Cor. Com^ee be regularly transmitted to the Parent Society.

Resolved. 13. That the suggestion made in Mr Betts's report to increase the Salary of Miss Spies be acted upon; & that it be increased to £80 pr annum commencing 1^st July.

A letter from the Revd Thos P. Williams. Ecc. Com., to the Secretary having been read, intimating that "the Bishop is willing that the services of the Revd H.S. Yates on the Pedro Plains should be remunerated by the Church Missionary Society": — and Mr Yates having personally expressed his willingness to become a Missionary of such society — and he having also stated that Mr Bernard. M. Senior is willing to make a grant of fifty acres of land; & also that he (Mr Yates) is in possession of about £500 for the erection of a school house & licensed place of worship: Resolved 14. That the Secretary be directed to open a correspondence with the Bishop's Secretary expressing the desire of the Committee to receive Mr Yates as a Missionary of the Church Miss^y Society; & also acquainting him with the Society's intention to occupy a station on the Pedro Plains, & to erect a building suitable for a school house, and place of worship, for which his Lordship's license will be solicited in due time.

Resolved. 15. That the thanks of the Society are due to B. B. M. Senior Esqr for his liberal offer of fifty acres of land (conveyed through Mr Yates,) and they beg he will allow himself to be nominated a member of the Sub Committee to superintend the erection of the building in conjunction with Jas. Miller, Matthew Farquharson & John Daughtrey Esquires; & the Revd Messrs Hylton & Yates.

A letter was read from E. L. Coke Esqr relative to the station in the neighbourhood of Happy Grove - parish of St. Elizabeth, recommended on 13th Decr 1836.

Resolved. 16. That in the event of Mr Marcey's conveying to the Society Ten or fifteen acres of land, this Committee will appropriate a Government grant towards the erection of a School house; but cannot pledge themselves to send an Ordained Missionary to that station.

The Parent Committee having sanctioned Mr Wm Forbes's studying for Orders in this Country; & referring to resolution 6th of 18 May 1837. Resolved 17. That this Committee are of opinion that the Revd J. C. Stone is in all respects a proper person to direct and superintend his studies; & that on obtaining Mr Stone's assent to this arrangement, Mr Daughtrey be requested to acquaint Mr Forbes with the views of this Committee at large on the subject.

The Sub Committee for Appleton having presented their report.

Resolved 18. That as Mr Tomlinson is about leaving the Island; Mr Chas. H. Cooper be requested to act in his place on the Sub-Committee in conjunction with the Revd Messrs Hylton & Dixon who are solicited to take the necessary steps to complete the erection of the buildings.

The Report of the Sub-Committee for Bona Vista was presented; when it was

Resolved 19. That this Sub-Committee be requested to take all necessary steps to complete the erection of the School house; & for this end that they write to Mr Watts requesting him to allow the timbers to be conveyed through his property - Friendship. -

Resolved. 20. That the sum of £200 currency be placed at the disposal of the Sub-Comee for Bona Vista, to erect a dwelling house for the residence of the Missionary at that station.

Resolved. 21. That Mrs Bonella Smith, a native teacher, be employed by the Society at Bona Vista station at a Salary of £20 pr annum for the purpose of teaching needle work, & taking care of the young children out of school hours.

Resolved. 22. That the sum of £25 be placed at the disposal of Revd H. L. Dixon, to have the Mission premises at Accompong completed.

Resolved 23. That at the approaching visit of Matt. Farquharson Esqr to Kingston, he be requested to associate himself with Messrs Betts and King to consider the best method of rendering more easy to Mr King the duties of Treasurer and Depositary.

Resolved. 24. That if found practicable, the house ~~of~~ at Gibraltar, in the neighbourhood of the Society's new station at Paul Island be rented for about £30 pr annum; for the purpose of a branch School for the children in that vicinity; to be carried on by a native teacher, under the superintendence of Mr Holt.

Resolved. 25. That in consideration of the far greater numbers of the members of the Corresponding Committee being residents in the County of Cornwall; it is deemed desirable that two of the quarterly Meetings be held in that County.

A letter was read from Mr Newman, requesting leave to return to England next year for the purpose of entering into a matrimonial engagement;

Resolved. 26. That Mr Newman be informed his application will be referred to the Parent Committee.

Resolved. 27. That Mr Sefsing be authorized to employ a suitable watchman to protect the Society's property at Birnam Wood.

Resolved. 28. That the Treasurer be authorized to pay for the benches procured for the Bona Vista school, to the order of the Sub. Comtee for that station.

It having been represented by Revd W. Betts that he has not been able up to this time to procure a man-servant to attend to the Society's horses;

Resolved. 29. That Mr Betts be authorized, if found necessary, to build a Negro house for a servant at the Grove; or to hire one in the neighbourhood; or to remove nearer town if found necessary to enable him more efficiently to discharge the duties of the Secretaryship.

The Quarterly Reports were received and read.

The Meeting was concluded with prayer.

Wm Betts.

C W/O 12/10

Rec.d Dec.r 20.th

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Minutes of a meeting of the Corresponding Committee held at Carleton in the Parish of Westmoreland on the 4.th & 5.th October 1827

Present

James Miller Esquire Vice President in the Chair

Mathews Marquhardson Esq.r

E. Coke Esq.r

The Rev.d Wm Stacey by

Wm Hyslop

H. L. Yates

H. L. Betts Sec.ty

The meeting was opened with Prayer

The Resolutions of the Provincial Committee of the 12 Aug 1827 were considered and approved

The minutes of the last meeting of the Corresponding Committee held at Maidstone in the parish of St Elizabeth were read

The explanation offered by Sargeant Knight of his attempt to commit Suicide was considered on which it was

Resolved 1 That Sargeant might be informed that his explanation is not satisfactory to the Committee

It being communicated to this meeting that the legal difficulties regarding the Title of Long Bay Estate have not been surmounted;

Resolved 2 That the offer of Land at Long Bay is not available for the purposes of the Society, and that the abandoned Location

The subject of the purchase of Coq Hall being again considered,

Resolved 3 That the Sum of £600 be the maximum amount this Committee feel justified in giving for that property

The Sub-Committee for superintending the buildings at Birnam wood having been deprived by the departure to England of the Reverend Joseph Williams, the withdrawal from the same of the Rev.d H. L. Betts

Resolved 4 That Messrs Sewell and Cornier be the Sub-Committee to complete the repairs at Birnam wood according to the Contract.

A Letter from the Society's Solicitor was read containing the information that the title for the Land offered at Rumble Pen (in Vere) is imperfect;

Resolved 5 That the gentlemen of the Sub Committee be informed that owing to the Title for the property being imperfect the Committee cannot at present sanction the Commencement of the buildings

The Estimate of the School house and dwelling house to be erected at Mattville having been laid before the Committee

Resolved 6 That Messrs Daniel and Sweetland be informed that the Committee approve of the Plan and estimate tendered by Mr Butler with the exception of the pulpit Desks & Communion Table which are for the present to be omitted. On a proper abstract

Resolved 4th

The Committee tender their thanks to Dr Wm Anderson

found eligible and a good title can be obtained, a Government grant be apportioned thereto,

Mathew Farquharson Esquire having communicated the following Extract from a letter of Mr Coldman dated July 31st 1837.

(the Extract) "I have been long expecting an answer respecting the Salaries paid to the Catechists amounting I think to £480 - contrary to my agreement with the Church Miss Society which Mr Coates acknowledges and told me he had written to the Jamaica Committee we pay. - pray inform me what has been done".

Resolved 14 That the Secretary make search among the papers of the Society to ascertain if any Communications from Mr Coates on the subject can be found; and if not that he write to Mr Coates for information relative thereto.

Resolved 15 That the next quarterly meeting of the Corresponding Committee be held on the 3rd Wednesday in January 1838, and that the annual meeting be held on the following day at which the Missionaries and Catechists are invited to attend; - and that the Secretary ascertain whether a pulpit can be obtained for the Society on that occasion. -

It being considered that Miss might has hitherto with considerable inconvenience held the School in her own house which is now becoming dilapidated; and Miss might having offered 5 acres of land to erect a School house on;

Resolved 16. That the above offer of land be accepted, and a School house be erected there with the aid of a Government Grant, on a legal title being obtained, on the plan of those alluded to in Resolutions 12 & 13

It being represented to the Committee that Mr Downey, the assistant Teacher at Birnam Wood is wholly unsuited for the purposes of the Society

Resolved 17. That Mr Downey be informed the Society has no further need of his services, and that he be discharged at as early a period as the Secretary may deem advisable.

Resolved 18 That the Secretary endeavour to sell to the best advantage the horse belonging to the Society left by the Revd C. Staenkel -

A young man named Robert Marshal Whittle having offered himself as a Student to the Normal School.

Resolved 19 That it be left to the Judgment of Messrs Bell and Comer to receive Robert Marshal Whittle as a protectioner in the Normal School if they consider it advisable to do so.

The subject of Mr Corners ordination having been at his request considered

Resolved 20 That the Secretary be directed to confer with Mr Comer as to whether he would be prepared to become a Candidate for orders in January next, and if so, to facilitate the object. -

A letter from Mr Leddon and a medical Certificate enclosed

respecting the health of Mrs Seddon were read and occupied the attention of the Committee; And it appearing from a Comparison of the dates contained in Mr Seddon's letter of the 26th Sept^r with that of the certificate, that the latter is dated only ten days after the mis carriage; — and the opinion of Dr Brooks stated in Mr Seddon's letter being that Mrs Seddon can safely remain in the Country till March or April next —

Resolved 21 That it is premature to come to any decision on the subject of the above documents at present; and that it be referred to the next Quarterly meeting in the hope that thro the blessing of God Mrs Seddon's health may by that time be fully restored.

Resolved 22 That the Salary of Mr George Crichton, School Teacher at Alexandria be increased from £80 to £90 per annum commencing 1st October 1837.

An offer of his services as Catechist with the object ultimately of obtaining Ordination having been received from Mr Nathan Ashby, and full enquiry respecting his sentiments and fitness for the office having been made —

Resolved 23 That Mr Nathan Ashby be received on the footing of a European Catechist from the 1st October; and that he proceed at once to Paul Bland Estate with the view of his benefiting from the experience of Mr and Mrs Hall in their increasing labours.

An offer of his services as Catechist with the object ultimately of obtaining Ordination having been received from Mr Henry Harris, and full enquiry respecting his sentiments and fitness for the office having been made

Resolved 24 That Mr Henry Harris be received on the footing of a European Catechist and that he proceed to Hampstead in the Parish of St Elizabeth to carry on a School there and at Font Hill. The properties of Spicer Smith Esquire.

Mr Wm Forbes having up to the present time availed himself of the permission granted him by the 11th Resolution of January 19. 1835 to have the use of the Society's books left by Mr Weir in Manchester

Resolved 25 That the Rev Mr Dowet be requested to collect the Society's books & papers there as far as may be in his power; and to have them carefully packed and forwarded to Savannah la Mar; addressed to Mr Hall Paul Bland, and to charge the Expence to the Society; — which books are for the present use of Mr Nathan Ashby.

An Offer of his services as Catechist with the object ultimately of obtaining Ordination having been received from Mr Wm Smith

Resolved 26 That Mr Wm Smith's offer be accepted; and he be placed on the footing of a Superintendant P.

Catechist, and be employed at the Society's Station, Low Ground in Clarendon; if the answers to certain questions to be proposed to him be approved; and in such case, he proceed to Low Ground as soon as Mr Farquharson informs him that the premises are ready for him.

Resolved 27. That the Sub Committee for Bonaister be requested to have the division wall between the Society's land and the remainder of the property built on the lowest terms.

Alad named Watson having been recommended by the Rev^d A.L. Gales as a fit person to be received into the normal school,

Resolved 28 That Watson be received into the normal school on probation when his parents consent has been obtained.

Various accounts were audited and signed by the Chairman

Quarterly Reports were received & read; viz from

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| Rev^d | A.L. Dixon ~~for~~ | for | Appleton Station |
| " | C. Winckler | " | Knockalva & branch Station |
| " | J.F. Sessing | " | Bimam Wood |
| Mr | Comer | " | Grove & normal School |
| " | Seddon | | Eltree |
| " | Reynolds | " | Bona Vista |
| " | Paul | " | Accompong |
| " | Stolt | " | Paul Island & Gibraltar |
| Miss | Wright | " | Friendship |
| " | Shepherd | " | Kingston Female Refuge School — |
| " | Mr Wm Forbes | | |

No reports were received from Messrs Newman, Pollett Tollemache, Kesler & Findlay owing to the windward mail being detained by the inclemency of the weather. —

No reports were received from Mr Wm Ashby and Mr Gillies; Cause Unknown. —

The meeting was closed with prayer. —

W.K. Betts.

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N.B. The Preamble to Resolution (Eleventh)

An offer from Dr Wm Anderson of 12 acres of land at Whitehill (with other advantages) for the erection of a school house to be aided by a Government Grant; having been considered — Resolved &c —

Kingston, Oct. 4th 5/37 94

Minutes of Com. Com.

Enclosure N:1.

Jam-1838. Minutes of a Meeting of the ~~Corresponding~~ Committee, held in Kingston, of the 17th 18th & 19th of January 1838.

Present

Rev. C. F. Hall.
" W. K. Betts.
John King, Esq.

The Rev. C. F. Hall opened the meeting with prayer.

The minutes of the last meeting, and the letter and resolutions received from the Parent Committee were read.

It having been represented to the Committee that Mr. David Anderson had declined to adhere to his tender to build the Port Mozart Schoolhouse for £420: and that the best terms on which the erection of the schoolhouse could be obtained was by tender of Mr. Ogilvie for £449. and to which Mr. Betts agreed on behalf of the Society.

Resolved 1.

That this agreement with Mr. Ogilvie is sanctioned by this Committee.

Sergeant Wright having declined to be in the Society's employ; & having intimated that a gentleman in Spanish town, whom he did not name, would remit the money advanced on his account;

Resolved 2,

That this Committee are happy in being thus relieved of the difficulty of dissolving their connection with Sergeant Wright, and that the Treasurer be requested to take measures to obtain the money advanced to Sergeant Wright; and also the other amount paid to obtain his discharge from his regiment.

The 19th Paragraph of the letter from Mr. Coates of the 16th Oct., respecting Mr. Seddon's not being supplied with necessary household furniture on his arrival into Manchester, and requesting to be informed of the facts of the case: having been considered, and a statement of the circumstances from Mr. Seddon having also been received;

Resolved 3.

That it appears that, unhappily there was cause for complaint; but that the necessary articles were sent previous to the receipt of Mr. Coates's letter.

Resolved 4.

That the Treasurer be requested to furnish the Committee on Thursday the 25th inst., an account of the receipts

and expenditure on its account during the past year; shewing a balance at the end, shewing the Sum remaining in his ha

## Resolved 5.

That the Treasurer do pay to Messrs Whitehorn Forsyth, Anderson, & Kemble, the sum of One hundred pound on account of their bill against the Society for law expences.

## Resolved 6.

That the Treasurer be authorized to mak an advance of money to the Missionaries and Catechists on their first arrival to any amount not exceeding one quarte stipend; which advance is to be repaid by equal instalment the two succeeding quarters.

The members attending this meeting being deeply impressed with the necessity of guarding against the admission of persons of this country into connection with the Society as Catechists whose sentiments are not in accordance with those of the Society; or who merely look forward to admission into holy orders through its instrumentality

## Resolved 7.

That it be referred to the next quarterly meeting to pass some express regulations relative thereto, and that, in the meantime, the Secretary be requested to draw up some sketch of Resolutions for their consideration; and that he also do confer with Messrs Wm Ashby, Nathan Ashby, Henry Harris, and Wm Smith to ascertain more particularly what are the views they take of their connection with the Society.

The Sub-Committee appointed by the 7th Resolution of the last meeting of the corresponding Committee to enquire into the particulars of the Vaughansfield Station, having made no report; and it appear from the statements of Mr Gillies, the Catechist, that it is not unfavourably situated in regards to population,

## Resolved 8.

That this Committee consider it advisabl that steps be taken to abandon that Station as soon as practicab

A letter from the Revd H. L. Dixon, respecting the conduct of W. Paul, the Catechist at Accompong in his District, and giving a detailed account of his utter incapacity as a teacher; and entire want of influence over the Negroes, having been read; This Committee having taken all the particulars into due consideration, joined with the 9th Resolution of the Committee assembled at Darliston on the 13th December 1836; and their own knowledge of the character of the lower class of the population of this country; and the great circumspection and peculiar aptness to teach required on the part of their guide & instructor,

## Resolved 9th.

That although they be few in number, yet being convinced of W. Paul's present incapacity, which is no likely to be removed if he remain in the Island; now feel it

and expenditure on its account during the past year; stating a balance at the end, shewing the sum remaining in his hands.

## Resolved 5.

That the Treasurer do pay to Messrs Whitehorne Forsyth, Anderson, & Rumble, the sum of One hundred pounds on account of their bill against the Society for law expences.

## Resolved 6.

That the Treasurer be authorized to make an advance of money to the Missionaries and Catechists on their first arrival to any amount not exceeding one quarter stipend; which advance is to be repaid by equal instalments the two succeeding quarters.

The members attending this meeting being deeply impressed with the necessity of guarding against the admission of persons of this country into connection with the Society as Catechists whose sentiments are not in accordance with those of the Society; or who merely look forward to admission into holy orders through its instrumentality,

## Resolved 7.

That it be referred to the next quarterly meeting to pass some express regulations relative thereto, and that, in the meantime, the Secretary be requested to draw up some short resolutions for their consideration; and that he also do confer with Messrs Wm Ashby, Nathan Ashby, Henry Harris, and Wm Smith to ascertain more particularly what are the views they take of their connection with the Society.

The Sub-committee appointed by the 7th Resolution of the last meeting of the corresponding committee to enquire into the particulars of the Vaughan's field Station, having made no report; and it appearing from the statement of Mr Gillies, the Catechist, that it is most unfavourably situated in regard to population,

## Resolved 8.

That this committee consider it advisable that steps be taken to abandon that station as soon as practicable.

A letter from the Revd H. L. Dixon, respecting the conduct of Mr. Paul, the Catechist at Accompong in his district, and giving a detailed account of his latter incapacity as a teacher; and entire want of influence over his pupils, having been read; this Committee having taken all the particulars into due consideration, joined with the 9th Resolution of the Committee assembled at Darliston on the 13th December 1836; and their own knowledge of the character of the lower class of the population of this country; and the great circumspection and peculiar aptness to teach required on the part of their guide & instructor,

## Resolved 9th,

That although they be few in number, yet being convinced of Mr. Paul's present incapacity, which is not likely to be removed if he remain in the Island; now feel it to

be their painful duty to take the necessary steps for his return to England; as his connection with the Jamaica mission can no longer exist.

Resolved, 10,

That the Secretary forward a copy of the above resolution to Mr Paul, and kindly advise him to return immediately to England, informing him of the Society's willingness to procure for him a passage in an early ship, and to defray the expenses of the same

The Accompong Station being deprived of a teacher by the foregoing resolution, and the services of Mr Gillies being no longer required at Vaughansfield by the 8th Resolution of this meeting;

Resolved 11th

That Mr Gillies be appointed to Accompong to act there as a Catechist residing in the Society's house, and taking charge of the Society's property there.

The Society having completed the purchase of Bog Hall in Manchioneal for a station of the Society, agreeably to the 3rd Resolution of the last meeting of the Committee,

Resolved 12th,

That the Rev. W. J. Woodcock be appointed to Bog Hall; and that measures be taken to erect there (with the aid of the Parliamentary grant) a building to be used as a schoolhouse and licensed place of worship: which building is to be according to the plan adopted for that at Prattville.

Resolved 13th,

That Mr Watty be appointed to labour in the Nassau district under the superintendence of the Revd Mr Dixon.

Resolved 14th

That Mr Cork proceed to the Antigua to relieve Mr Corner in the educational department of the Normal School for 3 hours per day, to afford Mr Corner the opportunity of pursuing his studies preparatory to ordination; and also that he make himself generally useful as a Catechist in that neighbourhood, with the object especially of increasing the attendance at the Day and Sunday Schools.

Resolved 15

That Mr & Mrs Harris proceed to Dublin, taking up their residence with Mr & Mrs Bolt with the view of affording them for a time the opportunity of seeing the plan on which the schools, and other operations of the Society are conducted, previous to their proceeding to a permanent station.

The deed of conveyance for the piece of Campbleton land in Hanover given to the Society by Mr. A. Gordon having been received by the

last packet;

Resolved 16,

That the Revd J. Stainsby and Mr Holt be requested to take measures to put up on the Society's land at Campbletown, the frame building now prepared at Lucea; and also to erect thereon, in the most economical manner, a dwelling house on the same plan of the one contracted for at Prattville; to be placed on a foundation of stone sufficiently elevated to allow of stores underneath the house.

The meeting was adjourned till Thursday the 25th inst.

On Thursday the 25th the same members assembled for a short time, and passed the following Resolution:

Mr Paul having sent in a petition to this meeting, acknowledging the justice done in removing him from Accompong station, and earnestly desiring to be continued in connexion with the Mission, and to be placed in some station where his services may be useful: — and this being accompanied by a recommendation signed by most of the Missionaries and Catechists now assembled at the Annual Meeting, with the Revd Mr Dyson's name at the head.

Resolved. 17.

That Mr Paul be accommodated with apartments in the house at Accompong for the present, until enquiry be made by the Secretary whether any suitable station can be found for him, in which case Mr Paul be appointed to it with the view of giving him further trial.

Adjourned till the following day.

On Friday the 26th assembled; the same members, with the Revd Wm Hylton when the following Resolutions were passed

A Report of the proceedings of the Jamaica auxiliary Church Miss'y Society for the year 1837 having been read;

Resolved. 18th

That this Report is approved of, and adopted by this Committee, and that 500 copies of the same be printed.

The Revd C.W. Winckler having entered into a matrimonial connexion with Miss Margaret Robinson; and it being made known to this meeting that the consent of the Corresponding Committee assembled at Darliston in October last was applied for and unanimously given; but under the then existing circumstances, only verbally:

Resolved. 19.

That it be now recorded that the marriage of the Revd C.W. Winckler was entered upon with the sanction of the Corresponding Committee as required by the regulations of the Mission.

The meeting was adjourned.

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## Minutes of Corresponding Committee.

The adjourned Committee re-assembled on Thursday the 1st. February

Present

Revd W. Hylton — W. K. Betts. & John King Esqr —

A letter having been received from Joseph Gordon Esqr; intimating that the proprietors of the Orchard, in the parish of Port Royal, were desirous the Society should occupy a station there, and that they would give a piece of land off that property and render other assistance towards the accomplishing of this object Resolved 20th

That the Revd Mr Hylton & Mr Comer be requested to visit the Orchard; and make all needful enquiries respecting the eligibility of that place as a Church Missionary station; and that in case their report be favourable, steps be taken to locate there Mr Taylor, the catechist expected out shortly; or some other lay-teacher; & that the proprietors be applied to, to furnish the title to the land, and to state what assistance they can afford towards the erection of the necessary buildings.

A written report from Mr. Coke; one of the members deputed by the Committee assembled last October, to enquire respecting the eligibility of Dr anderson's offer of land for a School at Whitehill having been read, in which he recommends a spot of land as a suitable site for a School house,

Resolved 21.

That the Secretary be requested to visit the spot on his journey into that neighbourhood, & also to confer with Mr Coke & Dr anderson on the subject; & if Dr Anderson will give 10 or 12 acres in that situation; a School house be erected there with the aid of Government grant, to be 30 feet by 18. - also that a dwelling house 18 by 26 on the plan of the Ratville house with 2 end rooms taken off, be contracted for; - and that the Revd Mr Dyson and Messrs Anderson & Gillies be requested to give their attention towards getting these buildings completed as early as possible, on the most economical terms.

The deed of conveyance of the Crown Tavern-land, Knockalva, having been received, and it being now requisite to determine what buildings be erected thereon.

Resolved 22d: That steps be taken at once to erect there a dwelling house, on the Rathville plan, to be 38 feet by 20, on an elevated foundation of stone-work for the purpose of stores; and that the Secretary do confer with Mr George Gordon before determining on the erection of a School house or Chapel.

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The want of a dwelling house for the Society's School teacher at Port Morant being obvious.

Resolved. 23. That a building be erected on the Society's land there, on the Rathville plan (cutting off 2 end rooms) for a dwelling house 18 feet by 26 on an elevated stone foundation; and that Mr Kesler be requested to obtain tenders for the performance of the same.

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A letter from the Revd H. S. Yates having been read; in which he asks whether the Comtee would not rather negotiate for the purchase of the property called Canaan with the buildings thereon, in preference to commencing new buildings at Barbary Hall; Resolved 24 That further information be sought as to which plan would be more desirable, previous to either being determined on.

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A letter from Mr Nathan Ashby having been received, requesting a few weeks leave of absence from his duties on the ground of ill health.

Resolved 25.

That the leave of absence applied for be granted; but that Mr Ashby be requested to make it a matter of conscience to resume his duties as soon as his strength is sufficiently recruited.

An application from Mr Miller, of Malvern, for the reception of a lad named George Thomas into the Normal School, accompanied by a letter recommendatory of the lad from Mr Haman - Moravian Missionary, having been received;

Resolved 26.

That the Revd Messrs Yates & Betts do examine George Thomas as to his fitness to be received into the Normal School, and also explain fully to him and to his guardians the principles and conditions on which only he can be received; & if after this they judge it advisable; George Thomas be received into the Normal School on probation.

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Great difficulty having arisen in dragging timbers to the site of the buildings at Bona Vista,

Resolved 27.

That Mr Farquharson be written to, to know if he can assist in this emergency; and if this application fail; that the Sub Comee for Bona Vista be authorized to purchase on the most advantageous terms a spell of ~~cattle~~ broke steers for the purpose of dragging out the timbers for the station at Bona Vista; and that afterwards the cattle be disposed of as the Comee may direct.

Various accounts were audited & signed by the Chairman.

The quarterly reports were received from all the stations.

The meeting was concluded with prayer.

W. H. Betts

Secy. pro. tem.

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Minutes of a Meeting of the Corresponding Committee at Malvern, St. Elizabeth, on the 4th & 5th of April 1838.

Present.

J. B. Wildman, Esqr. President, in the Chair.
James Miller
John Daughtrey
Revd. John Stainsby
Wm. Hylton
H. S. Yates
W. K. Betts — Acting Secretary

The meeting was opened with prayer.

The minutes of the last meeting, and the Correspondence from the Parent Committee were read.

Referring to the 9th Resolution of the 4th October 1837, and to the 4th Resolution of the 17th January 1838, in both which the Treasurer is requested to furnish the Committee with his account current for the year 1837, — and whereas it does not appear that any account has been laid before the Committee pursuant to such resolution

Resolved. 1.

That Messrs. Wildman, Farquharson, Miller, Hylton and the Secretary be appointed auditors of the Treasurer's accounts; who at their earliest convenience are requested to call upon Mr King to furnish them with accounts & vouchers, with a view to the same being audited; & the balance paid over to the Colonial bank. & they are hereby authorized to receive & pay over accordingly — and that the President be requested to transmit this Resolution to the Treasurer.

Referring to the 2 Resolution of last meeting in which allusion is made to certain monies advanced to, and on account of Sergeant Wright;

Resolved. 2.

That the Treasurer be requested to inform the Secretary for the information of the Committee on what authority the above monies were advanced.

Resolved. 3.

That the Secretary be requested to supply the Missionaries and stations with the necessary outfit; school requisites &c. and that he be aided in this duty by an efficient clerk who shall receive a salary not exceeding the sum of £100 per annum.

Resolved

That all Salaries & money payments shall be laid

before the quarterly meetings of the Committee and checks given for the payment thereof, signed by the Chairman & Secretary.

In consequence of the extreme difficulty of procuring in Kingston a sufficient attendance of the members of Committee;

Resolved. 5.

That all ordained Missionaries attached to the Society be, ex officio, members of the Corresponding Committee; and this Committee most earnestly press upon the Parent Society the indispensible necessity of confirming this resolution.

Communications having been read from Messrs Wm Ashby, Nathan Ashby, Henry Harris & Wm Smith, in reply to certain queries addressed to them by order of the Committee, in the 7th Resolution of 15th January last.

Resolved. 6.

That letters be written to these Catechists, informing them that their answers are considered satisfactory; and that the Secretary do explain to them the views of the parent Committee respecting the ordination of their European Catechists.

A letter from W.H. Knott Esqr dated the 21. February last, respecting the abandonment of the Vaughansfield Station having been read.

Resolved. 7.

That upon a review of the whole facts of the case the Committee unanimously approve of this former resolution; & that the Secretary do inform Mr Knott thereof & reply to such parts of the above letter as may require explanation.

The Committee having been informed that two non-predial and two praedial apprentices were included in the purchase lately made by them of a house & premises for a missionary station called Cog Hale, but in future to be called Rural Hill;

Resolved. 8.

That the four abovementioned apprentices be declared free. & that a document to that effect be drawn up and signed by the Secretary on behalf of the Committee; & that legal notice to quit the premises be served upon them.

It appearing that the Society cannot obtain land for a station from the proprietor of Meylersfield where it was intended to fix a new school station; & an offer of 25 acres of land & a house, in the immediate neighbourhood having been made for the sum of £200 currency:

Resolved. 9.

That the Secretary be requested to take the necessary steps for completing the purchase thereof.

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Resolved. 10.

That as soon as practicable Mr & Mrs Holt do remove to the station in Hanover called "Church Hill" being part of Completton Estate.

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Resolved 11.

That Mr Hawkins be considered in charge of the station at Paul Island from this date.

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With reference to the offer of a piece of land at Whitehill made by Dr Anderson; - it appearing that the district is not very populous & that the people are many of them already connected with the Moravians & that the land is no great distance from a Moravian station

Resolved. 12.

That the ~~same~~ offer be respectfully declined.

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Resolved. 13.

That besides the dwelling house already appointed to be erected at Knockalva on the lot of land there given to the Society; a building be erected as a place of worship 60 feet by 30 feet of hewn stone; the walls to be 15 feet high; - and that George Gordon Esq and the Revd Messrs Stainsby & Winckler be appointed a Sub Committee to superintend the erection of the same.

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Resolved 14.

That a letter written by the Secretary to the Chairman of the Jamaica District of the Wesleyan Missionary Society, dated 5 January last; a copy of which was transmitted to the Parent Committee under date 10th March, be adopted by this Committee; that a letter containing further particulars of the withdrawal of several children from the Society's Schools connected with the Knockalva station be addressed to the Parent Society by the next packet.

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Enquiry to be made of adapting either Salem or Canaan as a station (Vide 24th Resolution 5th Feby).

Resolved. 15.

That it does not appear expedient to adopt either as a Church Missionary Station.

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Resolved. 16

That Mr Reynolds be requested to report upon the case of George Thomas (proposed for the Normal School) by next quarterly meeting.

A grant of 10 acres of land, with a house & buildings been made by the Revd J. Stainsby; - being part of Somerset Hall plantation in St. Dorothy, for the sum of £50.

Resolved. 17.

That the same be accepted; that a School house be erected thereon 38 feet by 20, with the aid of the Government grant; - and that the dwelling house thereon be shingled & put in repair.

Resolved. 18.

That Mr Byrne be appointed to the Somerset Hall station; that he proceed thither on receiving notice from the Secretary; and that the requisites for the station be supplied.

The Committee having taken into their deliberate consideration the projected scheme of a school of industry &c. proposed to be established on land to be applied for from the proprietors of Salt Savannah & Putney Hall Estates, with the various correspondence relative thereto from the Parent Committee; and obstacles to the accomplishment thereof having arisen.

Resolved 19. That the undertaking be abandoned.

As it is found impossible to complete the Birnam Wood contract;

Resolved 20.

That it be abandoned, that a School house be built at Birnam Wood as proposed by Revd Messrs Hutton, using the materials of the old building; & making compensation to the Contractor, not exceeding £23:6:8

Resolved 21. That the offer for sale of the house & land at Emmetts, near Low Ground be referred to J.B. Wildman Esqr & the Secretary to report thereon.

A communication from Messrs Rowe Esqr having been received offering in the name of the Honble Wm Rowe, tenancy of land & subscription of £50 for the erection of a School House & premises at Bel Retiro:

Resolved. 22.

That the thanks of the Committee be offered to those gentlemen, with the expression of their willingness to accept the offer & adopt it as a station to supply a teacher, one title being given; but that this Committee cannot pledge itself to supply an ordained minister.

Application having been made by J.B. Wildman Esqr for the re-payment of certain monies paid by his agent on account of Catechists' salaries contrary to agreement: Resolved 23. That Messrs Farquharson, King, Miller, Hall & Betts be a Committee to investigate & report fully on the case.

Whereas the number of children in the vicinity of Hampstead likely to attend the School is not sufficient to justify the Society in incurring the expence of erecting buildings;

Resolved 24.

That it is advisable that the Catechist now there be removed and the station be given up.

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An offer for sale of the Grimmet House & 20 acres of land, in the Parish of Vere having been made by Dr Murchison;

Resolved 25.

That a Sub-Committee consisting of Mr Wilson, Farquharson, & Hylton do offer a sum not exceeding £1000; provided the repairs will not exceed the sum of £200.

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Resolved. 26.

That in the event of the purchase of the Grimmet house being completed, Mr Harris be appointed Catechist at that station, which is to be considered as one of the stations aided by the Government grant.

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Resolved. 27.

That the friends of the Society be earnestly requested to procure subscriptions & contributions on behalf of the funds, as the increasing demands of the Mission have become very onerous.

Resolved. 28.

That the Secretary be authorized to purchase a horse for the use of the Society to the amount of £55.

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Resolved. 29.

That Thomas Hamilton having been employed as a Sub-teacher at Golden Grove Estate, in St. Thomas East, at the Sum of £20. p annum, since the 12th Feby; such employment is hereby confirmed.

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The heavy expences of maintaining the boys at the Normal School having been brought under the serious consideration of the committee by the presentation of the quarterly account.

Resolved 30.

That a suitable female be employed at a Salary not exceeding £20 p annum to superintend the provisioning department of the Normal School with a view to a system of rigid economy.

Resolved 31.

That the Committee of the Church Missionary Society having been most hospitably entertained by Mr & Mrs Miller; on leaving Kingston cannot separate without tendering their warmest thanks to these christian friends for their kindness & hospitality.

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Various accounts were audited and signed by the Chairman.

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The quarterly Reports were received; excepting from Mr Fenton, on account of some illness & also Mr Pollemache & Miss Wright who have assigned no cause for their omission.

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Resolved 30.

That in the event of the business of the Synod here being completed, before the Committee of that district, which is the succeeding one of the Bishop, this Committee will adjourn.

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Resolved 31.

That the Minutes of the Committee meeting adjourned from the 30th inst to the 4th of April 1838.

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Resolved 28.

That the Secretary do certify & pay over a sum for the use of the Society the amount of £35.

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Resolved 29.

That Thos Hearle having been employed as a Catechist at Bath Upper Canada, is allowed £50 per annum, since he left Kingston, and continued to be employed as such.

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The Secretary reported the receipt of the half yearly account.

Resolved 30

That a suitable book be supplied at the expense of £10 for the use of the Committee & Secretary.

July 10/38

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D Coates Esqr

Kingston June 1. 1838.

My Dear Sir

1. I wrote to you on the 27 April; also on the 10th May I addressed you a letter requesting a supply of Prayer Books for the Mission which it is hoped will be forwarded without delay. Subsequently I sent up the Returns N.W. I have received yours of the 2d april.

2. I trust you have before this received the minutes of the Cor. Comee of April 4, & my letter accompanying. I have now to state to you that the accounts for the year 1837 have been audited; & also those of this year up to the middle of May; & that an account has been opened at the Colonial Bank, by the handing them a bill of £500 Sterling drawn on you by Mr King in favour of Mr Wildman.

The plan the Cor: Comee intend in future to follow is this; that all payments for Salaries be made in Committee by orders on the Colonial Bank, signed in Committee by the Chairman & Secretary; also that all incidental and other expences at the various stations be sent to the Committee quarterly with the quarterly Reports, when they will be subject to the approval or disapproval of the members of Comee & if approved, paid by orders on the Bank. The drawing of bills for the purpose of depositing cash in the Colonial Bank to meet these orders will I believe in future be in Committee signed by the Secretary, & the Chairman for the time being: And to enable the Secretary to meet the contingencies of the Mission, a credit in his favour will be made at the Bank of a limited amount, such as is judged sufficient to meet the unforeseen calls of the current quarter; especially those accounts the settling of which cannot be postponed till the end of the quarter without disadvantage or loss.

3. These are the measures by which Resolutions Nos 1 & 4 of the Cor. Comee meeting 4th april last are being carried into effect. This arrangement has not been adopted on account of any distrust in Mr King; on the contrary every member of the Committee have, I doubt not, the fullest confidence in the honor and christian integrity of Mr King; but it has been judged advisable: First; because on the former system the Committee have not been able for a length of time to get information respecting the Treasurer's accounts, & they felt that as a public responsible Committee, entrusted with the disbursing of

public money, they ought to have more acquaintance with the expenditure of the Mission than they have had, or than it appeared likely they ever would have as matters were before. and, Secondly, - To secure regularity & promptitude in the settling of the accounts in the Missions; especially those of the Missionaries, who, for the want of this, have been in many cases, subject to much inconvenience.

4. In order to carry into effect Resolution No 3. of the Cor. Comee of 4th april. The accompanying resolutions of a provisional Committee were adopted; subject to the approval of the next meeting of the Cor. Comee. They will I think place that branch of the business on a good footing. The only objection that presents itself is, that it keeps Mr Byrne from his duties of Schoolmaster in which his heart delights. In thus being kept from his more proper and pleasing employ, he is a fellow-sufferer with myself; but I trust we both shall have grace given, patiently to submit to this for the present, for the cause sake, as it appears really necessary for the well-being of the Mission. If we could obtain a confidential clerk whom we could with satisfaction employ as an assistant in the performance of the duties referred to in this 3d Resolution, Mr Byrne's services might be dispensed with, but at present I do not see how they can; and I apprehend it will be very difficult to obtain such a person unless it be one of the Schoolmasters. Mr Byrne was quarter-master-sergeant in the 68th Regt & has lately obtained his discharge. It is understood that his services were engaged a considerable time ago, but I do not find a minute of it on record. From what I have seen of him he appears to be a pious & devoted man.

5. Mr J.B Wildman who returns to England by this packet brings the quarterly reports for last quarter. Those of the 2 previous quarters were sent home, one by Mr Robt Taylor, the other by the Revd J. McGrath. Mr Wildman will I trust call on you at an early period after his arrival, & can give information on any points in this letter requiring further explanation.

6. The House of Assembly is to meet in a few days; & it is generally expected they will give complete freedom to all classes of the Apprentices.

I am Dear Sir
Yours sincerely
W.K Betts.

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Copy:

At a Provisional Meeting of members of the Corresponding Committee held on the 25th. May 1830. under Special Circumstances; there were present.

J B. Wildman Esq.
M. Farquharson "
J King — Treasurer
Revd. W.H Betts Actg. Secretary.

Refering to the 3rd. Resolution of the 4th. april 1830. wherein the Secretary is requested to Supply the Missionaries & Stations with the necessary outfit &c.; he being aided by a Clerk who shall receive a Salary not exceeding £100 per Annum; and it having been ascertained that it is not possible to procure an efficient person for the Sum of £100. & whereas the Station to which W Byrne was appointed by the 18th. Resolution of the 4th. April last is not ready for his reception;

It was Resolved. 1.

That Wm. Byrne be appointed for the present an assistant to the Secretary in the duties devolving on him by the above mentioned 3rd. Resolution and that his Salary be at the rate of £200 per annum: and he being under the necessity of purchasing a horse & Saddle for the Sum of £32; that this expense be borne by the Society.

Resolved 2nd.

That as a measure of economy the Secretary be authorized to employ Wm. Findlay on occasion may require in purchasing the articles necessary for the various Stations at the usual rate of commission at which he is accustomed to transact this kind of business.

In order that the Secretary be enabled to meet the Contingencies of the Mission till the next Meeting of the Corresponding Committee

Resolved 3rd.

That a credit be opened at the Colonial Bank in the name of the Revd. W.H Betts, as Secretary for £300-; and that he be duly authorized to draw to this Amount.

J.K.B.

P.S. Mr King requests me to advise the drawing of 2 bills by him one in favour Mr Wildman for £500 } dated 25 May.
The other " Mr E. Reynolds for £25 }

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Minutes of a Quarterly Meeting of the Corresponding Committee held at Darliston on the 4th & 5th & 6th July 1838.

President

Mathew Fanquharson, Esq. Chairman,
James Miller —— "
E. H. Coke —— "
John Daughtrey "
Rev. John Stamsby
" J. C Stone
" Wm Hylton
" H. J Yates
" W. K. Bicknell. Secretary

The Meeting was opened with prayer.

The Minutes of the previous Meeting & the Correspondence from Parent Committee were read.

Resolution 1.

The Secretary having read letters from the Parent Society dated 15th March & 2nd April with documents accompanying respecting the appointment of the Revd J. Orgill to Lucea Chapel; this Committee cannot refrain from expressing their regret & Surprize that such appointment should have been made without having first had reference to the Jamaica Committee; - a proceeding so contrary to the principle hitherto pursued, and which if persevered in will, the Committee believe, be prejudical to the interests of the Society in this Island.

Refering to the 1st Resolution of the provisional Committee of 25th May, which appointed Wm Byrne an assistant to the Secretary as a temporary measure.

Resolved. 2.

That it is judged expedient that Wm Byrne should proceed to his Station in St. Dorothy as soon as the Secretary can dispense with his Services by obtaining a proper

clerk; which he is hereby authorized to do at a Salary not exceeding £200 per ann.; and that the accounts of the Mission be henceforth kept by the Secretary, decided as above. -

Resolved. 3.

That bills of Exchange on the Parent Society to meet the expences of this Mission be henceforward drawn in Committee, signed by the Chairman & Secretary; & that the office of Treasurer do cease from this time. -

Resolved. 4.

That the thanks of this Committee be offered to I. King Esqr. for his attention to the concerns of the Mission during his continuance in the office of Treasurer.

The Members of Committee nominated by the 2d Resolu. of 4th April to investigate the subject of the monies paid on account of the Catechists of the Society on Mr. Wildman's estates, having reported that they have not been able to obtain any information from the records of the Mission likely to lead to the right adjustment of this transaction;

Resolved. 5.

That as Mr. Wildman's former agent, Mr. Taylor, was chiefly concerned in the alteration of the agreement made between Mr. Wildman & the Parent Committee; it is judged advisable that reference be made to Mr. Taylor & that ultimately it be settled between Mr. Wildman and the Parent committee.

The Members of Committee appointed by the 2d Resolution of last Meeting to negotiate about the purchase of the Grimot in Vere; having reported that they cannot advise the purchase of that place for the sum required.

Resolved. 6.

That the purchase of the Grimot be declined.

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Mr. Wildman not being at the present time on the Jamaica corresponding Committee; & it being probable that he may

of the Government grant.

And that the Revd C. Doust & the Secretary be the building Committee for the same.

6. £50 to the building Committee for Church Hill School & Station.

7. £100 to the building Committee for Runcorn Wood School. —

Resolved. 13.

That in order to erect the School house at Rural Hill on a scale large enough for the purposes of public worship, the sum of £100 be granted to that Station over & above the (£400) Government grant; and that with this aid the Revd Mr Woodcock be requested) to procure the erection of the building with such assistance as he may be able to obtain from the inhabitants in the neighbourhood; & that the proceed with it as speedily as possible. —

Resolved. 14.

That the offer of the sale of the property Called Emetts referred to in the 21st Resolution of last meeting be declined.

The buildings at Low Ground formerly used for educational purposes by the Church Missionary Society having become greatly dilapidated; & there being no means available for putting them into repair;

Resolved. 15.

That the Committee are reluctantly obliged to abandon Low Ground Station.

Resolved. 16.

That Mr. Wm Smith, whose services are by the above resolution, no longer required at

Low Grounds, do for the present act as Assistant to the Secretary till a suitable person for that office can be obtained.

A taxed Bill of Costs in the cause Farquharson v.s. Joseph Gordon having been forwarded by Messrs. Myers & Aikman for payment; the committee cannot but express their astonishment that this action should have been commenced without the Sanction of this Committee; and also that having been commenced, it was not carried on to trial when there was every prospect of obtaining a Verdict; but

Resolve. 17.

That in order to bear the trustees harmless the above bill of Taxed costs be paid; and that the Secretary do write to Messrs. Anderson & Kemble the Society's solicitors, to request an explanation of the business.

Mr. Corkis services at the Grove being no longer required;

Resolved. 18.

That Mr. Cork be Stationed for the present at Maryland or its vicinity, awaiting the result of the application made to the Right Honble. Sir Edward Hyde East for aid towards making it a permanent station:- that the offer from Mr. H. East of the continued use of the room now occupied for educational purposes be thankfully accepted; & that the house proposed to be hired for Mr. Corkis residence at £3 per Month be engaged.

Resolved. 19.

That the professional Services of Mr. Voysey the architect be engaged to inspect the Site of the intended building at Rural Hill; & to give his advice & assistance in drawing out a plan, so as to obtain the best & most use building possible with the means mentioned

in resolution 13 as available for that object.

The Catechist's house at Moore Town being much out of repair; and the landlord having refused to do any thing more to it;

Resolved: 20.

That the sum of £6 be voted to Mr. Pollitt to effect the most needful repairs.

Resolved. 21.

That the salary of Mr. Atcheson Findlay be increased from £100 to £110.

Mr. Voce, the Carpenter having presented a copy of his expenditure & accounts shewing that he has incurred a considerable loss in fulfilling his Contract in the erection of the School houses at the Grove;

Resolved. 22.

That the sum of £25 be given to Mr. Voce towards indemnifying him for the above loss.

Resolved. 23.

That the sum of £20 as applied for by Revd. Mr. Woodcock for repairs to the Society's house at Penal Hill be allowed.

Resolved. 24.

That as Miss Wright has been absent from her School for six months without giving information thereof to the Committee. & without leave of absence; - no salary be paid her for that period & that her connexion with the Mission be considered at an end.

Resolved. 25.

That the School house at Silcats (application) be floored instead of terraced; - and that a lightening rod be erected there. -

Mr. Wm Ashby having applied for leave to go to England to offer himself to the Parent Committee for admission into the Islington Institution for the purposes of pursuing his Studies there; he offering to pay the expences of the voyages;

Resolved. 26.

That this committee accede to his request; & that copies of the papers relative to the terms of his connection with the Jamaica Mission be forwarded to the Parent committee.

Resolved. 27.

That Mr. Withy remove from Banton Isles, & proceed to Salt Savannah to undertake the duties at that Station vacated by the above Resolution.

The committee considering that Mr Wm Forbes has now been in retirement for a considerable length of time without having been engaged in any active duties for the Mission:

Resolved. 28.

That Mr. Wm Forbes do proceed to the Revd H-L. Dixon's to engage in those duties now carried on by Mr. Withy, under the superintendence of Mr. Dixon who has kindly assented to aid Mr. Forbes in completing his Studies. -

On the occasion of removing Mr. Wm Forbes to one of the Society's Stations, it was

Resolved. 29.

That the thanks of this committee

be tendered to the Revd Henry Bascom for the kind assistance rendered to Mr Wm Forbes in his Studies.

Mr Lefroy having applied for some assistance at his Station on account of his preparing for ordination:

Resolved. 30.

That Mr Nathan Ashby proceed to Binam Wood to engage in the various branches of educational & Religious operations carried on at that Station, under the superintendence of Mr Lefroy; and that Mr Ashby be requested to render Mr Lefroy such assistance in the Study of the languages as may be in his power.

A question having arisen as to what items are to be considered incidental expences of the Secretary which by 12th Resolution of 27th July 1836 are to be paid by the Society

Resolved. 31.

That they be postage - Travelling expences on account of the Mission - and Stationary: the account to be presented quarterly.

It being expected that before the next meeting of this Committee the Revd R. Panton, the Secretary may arrive from England & resume the duties of his office; this Committee cannot separate on this occasion without testifying their unqualified approbation of the manner in which the duties of that office - arduous, & some of them very difficult & embarrassing - have been performed by the Revd W.K. Betts; it is therefore

Resolved: 32.

That the Revd. W.K. Betts is entitled to the unqualified approbation of this Committee

for the zeal, diligence, & promptitude with which he has performed the duties of Secretary; - and that whatever Station Mr. Betts may occupy, they fervently pray that the blessing of God may rest upon his labours. -

Resolved. 33.

That on the arrival of the Revd. R.a Lanton, the Revd. W.m Betts do occupy the Station and Chapel at Swanswick; and that the Lord Bishop be apprized of the wishes of the Committee in this respect.

The subject of the heavy expences attending the annual Meeting of Missionaries in Kingston having engaged the serious consideration of this Committee, in conjunction with the rent of the Mission House in Kingston & the expence of a residence for the Secretary, & the best plan of accommodating the Missionaries on their first arrival in this Country;

Resolved. 34.

That it be recommended to the Parent Committee as a measure of ultimate economy. that a house be erected on the Society's land at the Grove according to the plan and dimensions of the accompanying Sketch; - to be a residence for the Secretary, & also a place of temporary accommodation for the purposes mentioned in the above preamble; to be more fully explained in the Secretary's letter.

The Secretary having reported that the Vestry of St. Andrew's had generously voted £50 towards the erection of a bridge at the Grove;

Resolved. 35.

That the best thanks of this Committee be tendered to the Vestry of the parish of St. Andrews for this act of liberality.

The attention of this Committee having been directed by the particulars given in the reports of Revd. D. Seddon & Mr. Gillies of the Baptism of 101 persons at Aeroompony;

Resolved. 36.

That the particulars of this case be communicated to the Parent Committee.

Communications from several of the Missionaries in reply to a letter addressed to them respecting Mr. Hawkins's conduct having been read;-

Resolved. 37.

That this Committee judge it expedient that Mr. Hawkins's connexion with the Jamaica Mission should cease; & that he be advised to proceed immediately to the Parent Committee in England; & that on the Communication of Mr. Hawkins's availing himself of the opportunity of going to England by one of the Ships sailing this month, his Salary continue till the day of embarkation; & his passage be defrayed by the Committee;- and that it be intimated to Mr. Hawkins that he can receive no Salary from this Committee after the 31st. inst.

The Station at Pauls Island being vacated by the above resolution;

Resolved. 38.

That Mr. Henry Harris proceed without delay to Pauls Island, & take charge of the Society books, furniture & other property at that Station; & to carry on the Society operations at that place.

Resolved. 39.

That the Corresponding Committee of the Church Missionary Society having been kindly entertained by Mr. & Mrs. Fanquhearson on the present occasion; cannot Separate without tendering their thanks

to these friends for their Kindness & Hospitality.

The various Reports were received from the different Stations, also the quarterly accounts which were examined by the Committee; & orders for payment of these bills & for the Salaries were drawn on the Colonial Bank.



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return to this country;

Resolved. 7.

That this Committee recommend that Mr. Wildman be reappointed by the Parent committee a Member of the Corresponding Committee. —

A list of articles of household furniture, ironmongery, earthenware &c. intended to be the fixed supply for the Stations in Jamaica having been Submitted to this Meeting; & (after deliberate consideration) having been revised & approved;

Resolved. 8.

That this list be the authorized supply for the Society's Stations; & that it be copied into the "Book containing lists of the Society's property at the different Stations" for the Guidance of the Mission: — also that Saddlery be not supplied in future.

Resolved. 9.

That each Missionary & Catechist be expected to replace all breakages of earthenware & Glass under his charge at his Station; from the 1st. January 1838, when the lists of these articles at the different Stations were sent in. —

The 7th Paragraph of Mr. Coates's letter of 2nd. April 1838, having engaged the attention of the Committee & the committee having also received a report from the Revd. H.S. Yates respecting Mr. Paul of a favourable tendency as to his discharge of his duties on the Plains;

Resolved. 10.

That Mr. Paul having been placed in another Station, on probation, under Mr. Yates's immediate superintendance previous to the receipt of Mr. Coates's letter, & having given more satisfaction there; it appears to this Committee inexpedient to interrupt the existing arrangement for the present; & that Mr. Yates

be requested to continue his superintendence of Mr. Pauls duties & to report on the performance there of Quarterly.

At the same time the corresponding Committee would record their opinion that Mr. Dixon's report correctly detailed the facts of the case of Mr. & Mrs. Pauls conduct while at accompony.

The Revd A. S. yates having reported that the Barbary Hall people have shewn their anxiety to have the benefit of the Society's labours among them in the offer of ten acres of land; & to erect a house for their teachers residence:

Resolved. 11.

That a Station be occapied in the Barbary Hall district; & that a Government Grant be devoted to that Station on a sufficient title being received.

Application having been made from the several Sub. Committees appointed to superintend the erection of the various School houses &c. for money to carry on the same

Resolved. 12.

That orders on the Colonial Bank be now given for the following sums: viz.

1. That £300 be paid to the building Committee for Bona Vista towards completing the buildings there.

2. That £130 to the building Committee for Main of the Government grant for the erection of the School house there.

3. £150 to the building Committee for Pears Plains School: of the Goverment grant.

4. £550 to the building Committee for appleton (now Silcoth) towards completing the buildings there.

5. £30 to the building Committee for Rattville School.

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Minutes of a quarterly meeting of the Corresponding Committee held at Kingston on the 3.4 & 5th of October 1838.

Present

The Rev William Hylton in the chair.
The Rev C. F. Hall
The Rev G. Griffiths
John King Esqre
The Rev W. Bettes. Acting Secy

The business was preceded by prayer.

The Minutes of the last Meeting, and letters from the Parent Comtee were read.

The offer of land at Meylersfield on certain conditions conveyed in a letter from George Gordon Esqre having been read.

Resolved. 1. That the terms on which Mr Bright offers five acres of land at Meylersfield are such, as not to justify the Committee in accepting it & that the negotiation do therefore terminate.

Resolved. 2. That the Secretary do write to the Rev. Mr. Woodcock calling his attention to the resolutions Nos 13 & 19 passed at the last meeting and forwarded to him; and also to express the regret of the Corresponding Committee, at his declining to superintend the building of the School House at Rural Hill, after having so particularly solicited that it should be intrusted to him; & transferring the responsibility to Mr. Voysey; & thereby perplexing the proceedings of the Corresponding Committee.

Resolution. 3. That Mr. Woodcock be further reminded that the sum of £500 already granted by resolution 13 of last meeting is the full amount that is to be expected from the Corresponding Committee towards the building of the School House at Rural Hill and the Corresponding Committee hope that the promised aid from other quarters is so far being realized as to complete the buildings on the scale already commenced.

Resolved. 4. That the Corresponding Committee do not wish the arrangement already made, by Mr. Woodcock with Mr. Voysey, to be now interrupted.

Resolved 5. That this Meeting, while it fully approves of the former part of the 8th Resolution of the last meeting, prescribing the supplies to the Missionary Stations; is unanimously of opinion that Saddlery forms an indispensible article, and therefore desire the Secretary to add to the list the following items.

One Saddle & bridle, for a single Missionary or Catechist.
One Side Saddle & bridle in addition to a Married Man.

It appearing desirable to adopt the Station near Maryland as a permanent Station of the Society.

Resolved 6. That Mr. Bettes be authorized to treat for the purchase of the property on which stands the house now rented for Mr. Cork's residence, at a sum not exceeding £450 Currency; & that on its being obtained with a good title, a Government Grant be appropriated to the erection of a School House there.

The Salt Savannah Station having been deprived of its appointed teacher, by the lamented death of Mr. H. Withy; and Mr Wm. Ashby having expressed his readiness to defer his Voyage to England, & to remain to the end of the Year at the above Station.

Resolved 7. That Mr. William Ashby do remain in charge of the Salt Savannah Station.

A letter from Mr. Wm. Forbes having been read, in which he applies for an alteration of the arrangement made by 28th. Resolution of last Meeting-

Resolved-9. That under existing circumstances the Corresponding Committee do not feel themselves justified in departing from their former resolution.

A letter having been read from Mr Pollitt soliciting the sanction of this committee to his becoming a candidate for Holy Orders in the event of his being prepared:

Resolved 9. That from the knowledge this committee have of Mr Pollitt's piety, deligence, & faithfulness in the discharge of his duties as a Catechist; they are prepared to accompany his application to the Parent Committee with their full recommendation; and that the Secretary be directed to communicate to the Home Committee, the views of this Comtee on the subject generally.

The situation as to residence &c, of Mr Acheson Findlay, assistant teacher at Rural Hill having been considered; & the Committee not seeing at present how to meet the case.

Resolved. 10. That it be referred to Messrs Griffiths & Betts to visit Rural Hill, & make such arrangements as the circumstances of the case require-

Application having been made from the several Sub. Committees appointed to superintend the erection of the various School Houses &c, for money to carry on the same.

Resolved-11- That Orders on the Colonial Bank be now given for the following sums, viz:

1. The sum of £300 being the balance of the £500 voted last meeting for Rural Hill School House-

2. The sum of £170 for completing the dwelling house at Somerset Hall; and a further sum of the Government Grant of £200 for the School House at that Station-

3. The sum of £40 of the Government Grant towards completing & enclosing with a fence the School House at Nain

4. The sum of £200 of the Government Grant towards completing the School House on the Pedro Plains-

5. The sum of £400 towards the School House at Bimanlecad; & Messrs Sefsing & Comer the building Committee, be solicited to use their endeavours to obtain local aid towards the building.

6 The sum of £400 towards completing the dwelling House at Church Hill; & a further sum of £100 to complete the School House at that Station. and Messrs Stainsby & Holt be solicited to use their utmost endeavours to obtain local aid towards the buildings-

7th The sum of £400 being the Government Grant & the Societys proportion for the School house at Knockalva; to be paid to Messrs Stainsby & Winckler as soon as the affairs at that Station, be in such a State of forwardness as to require the same-

The Rev R. L. Dixon, one of the building Committee for Siloah (Appleton), having presented an account of Moneys received & paid on account of the buildings at that Station, accompanied with an application for a further grant; & it appearing that the account now presented is not in accordance with the Account Kept by the Secretary-

Resolved 12. That the Secretary do write to Mr. Dixon for a further explanation of the Accounts; & on its being given to the satisfaction of the Secretary, the further sum of £200 be forwarded to the building Committee for Siloam; which sum be now drawn for on the Colonial Bank.

Various accounts having been received from James Miller Esqr respecting the Bona Vista buildings.

Resolved 13. That Messrs Hylton & Miller, the building Committee be requested to supply the Secretary at an early date, with a joint Statement of the Bona Vista building transactions; that the sum of £250 be granted towards completing the buildings at that Station and that the building Committee be urged to use their endeavours to obtain more local aid.

Resolved 14. That the Secretary be requested to write to the Hon.ble J. Salmon, bringing to his recollection the purport of a note of his, dated January 1835, addressed to Matthew Farquharson Esq, member of the Corresponding Committee, in which among other items he offers a subscription in behalf of the adjoining properties, of the sum of £100, to be paid for the Appleton buildings on the appointment of the Missionary.

Resolved 15. That while the Corresponding Committee feel themselves bound to discharge the account rendered by Doctor Bygrave amounting to £66.1.4 for something short of one months attendance on Mr. Seddon & his family; they nevertheless cannot refrain from recording their deep concern, that Mr. Seddon should so far have disregarded the pecuniary interests of the Society; as not to have adopted the standing rule of the Mission, which requires each Missionary and Catechist to endeavour to effect an annual contract for medical attendance.

The person who has been engaged in the erection of the buildings at Elstree, having applied for payment: & there being some ground to doubt whether the buildings are executed in a workmanlike manner.

Resolved. 16. That the Rev. Mr. Douet be requested to call in one, or two competent persons, to give an opinion, as to whether the workmanship be good, & the buildings be completed according to contract; and on a satisfactory report being given, the remainder of the sum stipulated for, be paid; and that Dr. Bygrave be applied to, for his contribution, & that of Mr. Trew.

Resolved. 17. That in order to carry into effect the above resolution, the sum of £300 be placed at the disposal of the Secretary to pay the Contractor for the buildings at Elstree, on a satisfactory report being received from Mr. Douet.

Referring to Mr. Seddon's letter of the 2nd Oct.; & his quarterly report, on the subjects of Ordination, & change of Climate:-

Resolved, 18. That the further consideration of these points, be deferred to the next meeting of the committee.

One of the lads from the Normal School, Thomas Clark Nichols, having gone to the Society's Station called Nain, as an assistant teacher, and the question having arisen what should be the rate of his Salary:-

Resolved. 19. That the Salary of Thomas Nichols be fixed, for the present, at the rate of £60 Pr. Annum, to commence from the day of his departure to his station (1st Sept.)

Communications having been read from Rev. H. S. Gates, in which he points out a spot of land offered on Little Hampton property, as being accompanied with greater facilities than be one offered at Bel Retiro, and about 3/4 of a mile only from the former spot.

Resolved 20. That the 22nd Resolution of the 4th April last, be carried into effect, by erecting the intended buildings on the land offered at Little Hampton, instead of at Bel Retiro, on a good title for the same being supplied.

The Secretary having submitted a certain correspondence between Mr. Sepping & Mr. Wm. Findlay, & himself;

Resolved, 21. That the Committee cannot dismiss this subject, without recording their strongest condemnation of the spirit manifested by Mr. Findlay in the whole of the correspondence.

The Society's Solicitors having reported, that in their opinion, a good title cannot be given for the land offered in the Barbary Hall district, referred to in the 11th Resolution of last Meeting.

Resolved, 22. That the offer of land in the Barbary Hall district be declined; the Committee deeply regretting they do not find themselves justified in erecting buildings thereon.

One of the 10 Government Grants being left unappropriated by the preceding resolution; and the Rev. G. Griffiths having intimated the great probability, that in a few weeks the Maroons at Moore Town will be in circumstances to give a good title for a piece of land in Moore Town, for the purpose of erecting a School House, & which they are desirous to do.

Resolved, 23. That the above mentioned Government Grant be appropriated to the erection of a School House at Moore Town, if it be found that a satisfactory title can be given for the land within the anticipated time.

The Quarterly Reports were received from all the Stations, also the Accounts; which were examined, & orders for the payment of these, and the Quarterly Salaries were drawn on the Colonial Bank.

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Minutes of a Meeting of the Corresponding Committee held at Stanley on the 5th & 6th December 1838

Present - John Daughtry Esq. (in the Chair)
Rev. Wm Shelton
" H. J. Yates
" W. K. Betts - Act. Secy

The business was preceded by Prayer.

The Minutes of the last meeting were read; also the report of the visiting Committee on the State of the Grose station, & the Normal School, and Mr Coates's letter of the 16th Oct.

Mr Betts having reported that he had completed the purchase of the property now called Woodford mentioned in Resolution 6. of last meeting for £400.

Resolved 1. That a School House be erected thereon (aided by the Government Grant) 35 feet by 25. according to the plans now submitted to the Comtee, it being hoped the contract will not exceed £600, and that Mr Cork be requested to apply for tenders.

Resolved 2. That Messrs Betts and Cork, be authorised to put up the necessary Outbuildings at Woodford Station, and to get the dwelling House newly shingled, the old shingles being used on the out buildings, as far as they will be available for that purpose, due regard being had to economy.

The late Mr Withy having left a memorandum expressive of his wish that in case of his death, his effects should be for the use and benefit of his parents, and requesting that the Church Missionary Society would see to this being accomplished -

Resolved 3. That Messrs Wm N. Ashby & Josias Cork be requested to carry out the intentions expressed in the Memorandum, advising with the Secretary on any point on which they may find occasion.

Resolved 4. That the medical bill of Dr Dewar for attendance on the late Mr Withy, amounting to £14.14.10. be paid by the Secretary.

Mr Betts having reported on the steps taken by the Rev G. Griffiths and himself at Rural Hill, as by authority vested in them by Resolution 10th of last meeting;

Resolved 5. That the removal of Mr Jackson Findlay from Rural Hill, and the appointment of one of the lads from the Normal School in his stead as school teacher, to reside in one of the houses on the Society property when put in repair, as now confirmed.

Mr Seddon having personally stated to the Committee, that himself and Mrs Seddon still continue in ill state of health, and that Dr Bygrave has stated to him verbally, that a change of climate is necessary.

Resolved 5. That the Secretary do write to Dr Bygrave requesting information respecting the state of Mr & Mrs Seddon's health; and whether he is of opinion a change to another Country be requisite for them. That in case the Drs opinion be that Mr & Mrs Seddon must leave the country, the Secretary be authorized to take the necessary steps towards that end; — if however the opinion be that Mr & Mrs Seddon may with safety remain in the country, Mr Seddon be authorized to become a Candidate for Priests Orders at the ensuing Ordination.

Resolved 7. That the sum of £45 be paid to the Building Committee for Bonaventure, being the cost of the division walls to the Society's land at that Station, authorized by the 27th Res. 14th Oct 1837.

Resolved 8. That Messrs Hylton & Reynolds be requested to have a gate erected at the Bonaventure Station; & to obtain the benches necessary for the School there.

Resolved 9. That the sum of £50 be drawn for, to complete the Bonaventure Station School House; to be refunded by collections to be raised by Messrs Hylton & Reynolds.

Resolved 10. That Mr Reynolds be authorized to have erected at the Society's Station, Nain, a gate, a privy, & a small Kitchen; & to procure the necessary benches & a desk for the School —

Resolved 11. That this Committee recommend to the Parent Committee, the Rev C. L. P. Doret & J. R. Tomlinson Esqre to be appointed members of the Corresponding Committee.

Resolved 12. That the School House intended to be erected at Little Hampton be on the plan & dimensions of that authorized for Woodford Station by the 1st Res. — and that the dwelling House be on the plan of the Prattville house; & that the Rev C. L. P. Doret & the Secretary be requested to be the building Committee for this Station.

Resolved 13. That the sum of £100 be paid by the Secretary to Rev. St. J. Yates towards the Red's Plains School House.

Resolved 14. That the friends acting as the building Committees at the different Stations, be requested to furnish the Corresponding Comtee by the 25th of this month, through the Secretary, with a statement of the receipts & expenditure on account of the School Houses, now erecting with the aid of Government Grants; and a separate account of a similar kind respecting the dwelling Houses; and the building Committees are requested to send to each Quarterly Meeting of the Br. Comtee, a continuation of their Accounts: — and it is requested that no contributions received be applied in any way except towards the erection of such buildings, or other works as have received the express sanction of the Br. Comtee — The Corresponding Committee will be most happy to receive from the building Committees any Propositions respecting other works needful to the establishment of these Stations; and to give their sanction to their being proceeded with, due regard being had to the funds of the Society, and the real wants of the Station.

into the probability of their Resolution No 3 passed on the 3d October last being adhered to; the Society being pledged to Government to complete these School Houses as speedily as possible; and that therefore the Rev Messrs Williams & Griffiths be requested to be a deputation from this Comtt to visit Penal Hill for the purpose of making at once a full enquiry into the state of the School House, and report thereon to the Corresponding Committee.

Mr Cork having applied for the sanction of the Comtee to his entering into a matrimonial union with Miss C. Stephen.

Resolved 6. That Miss Stephen being in the judgment of this Committee a suitable person to be received into connexion with the Mission, the sanction of the Comtt be given to Mr Cork entering into the proposed union.

Mr Cork having applied to this Committee to sanction his becoming a Candidate for Holy Orders;

Resolved 7. That from the knowledge this Committee have of Mr Corks diligence & devotedness to his work, they are prepared to recommend Mr Corks application to the Parent Comtt.

Resolved 8. That as the population in the neighbourhood of Somerset Station is great, & the attendance of Children at School, and of Adults at divine service, daily increasing; the proposed building at that station be 50 feet by 25, instead of 38 by 20, as proposed by 17 Res. of 4th April 1838, and that a further sum of £ 20 Currency (or about £120 Stg) be granted if required.

The Natives of Accompong having forwarded to this Committee a petition, in which they acknowledge the justice of the grounds on which the Comtt proposed abandoning the Station; & in which they solicit the continuance of the Society's teacher among them, promising more attention to his instructions & better conduct in general;

Resolved 9. That the Comtt judge it advisable to continue Mr Gilles at Accompong for the present.

Adjourned to Thursday the 17th Inst.

Adjourned Meeting Jan 17th

present

Rev G. Griffiths (in the chair)
" J. Williams
" W. K. Betts
John King Esqre
Rev. R. Panton - Secy -

Prayer

In consequence of the afflicting circumstances under which the adjourned Meeting resumes its sitting. - Almighty God having

been pleased suddenly to call to himself (after one Weeks illness) the Rev E. Comer.

Resolved 10. That while the Comtee bow in submission to the unsearchable will & appointment of the Divine hand, they desire to express their extreme sorrow at this chastening bereavement: & record their testimony to the faithfulness and usefulness of their late valued Brother in the discharge of his duties at the Mission Grove.

This event having caused a vacancy in the Society's station at the Grove:- & the Comtee deeming it of the utmost importance that this station should without loss of time be efficiently supplied.

Resolved 11. That the 18th Resolution of Dec: 8th 1838, be rescinded and that the Rev: W. K. Betts be requested to undertake the management of the Normal School,- the superintendance of the other School connected with it;- together with the Ministerial duties of the Hope Chapel, should the Lord Bishop be pleased to licence him thereto.

In consideration of the varied and arduous duties thus devolving on Mr. Betts.

Resolved 12. That Mr. Edmund Reynolds be removed from the Station at Mount Vernon, to that of the Grove, to aid & assist in the discharge of these duties.-

The Rev R. Panton having produced his Instructions as Secretary from the Parent Committee

Resolved 13. That this Comtee record their pleasure in receiving him again among them in his capacity as Secretary.

Resolved 14. That this Comtee cordially reiterate the sentiments embodied in the 32 Resolution of the 4th July 38: and earnestly pray that the blessing of God may abundantly attend Mr. Betts in the sphere of his future labours.-

Resolved 15. That this Comtee consider the Society liable for the funeral Expences of any members of the Mission Family, but while they relieve the minds of the Missionaries from anxiety on this point, they earnestly press upon all concerned the christian duty of anxiously avoiding every needless Expence.

Resolved 16th. That the Secretary be requested to make arrangements for the accommodation of Mrs Comer at the Society's House in Kingston, & she be kindly advised to take advantage of the departure of Mr & Mrs Seddon for England. & to endeavour so to arange her affairs as to be able to accompany them.

Resolved 17. That the board of Mrs Comer & family at the Mission House, be defrayed by the Society: and that she continue to receive, during the remainder of her stay in the Island, the usual allowance granted to a Missionary's wife & Children.

Resolved 18. That the Rev Messrs Betts & Panton, & Mr. King Esqre, be requested to enquire into the state of the late Mr. Comers affairs, and consult with the legal advisers of the Society on the subject.

Resolved 19. That the report of the Sub committee appointed to visit the Station at the Grove be received, & that the Missionary in charge be requested to carry out the recommendations therein contained.

Resolved 20. That Mr. Wm. Forbes be appointed to succeed Mr. E. Reynolds in the charge of the Society Stations at Parramatta.

Resolved 21. That Mr. Newman be appointed to the Station at Prahrille, occupying for the present the house at Wareemah the use of which has been kindly offered to the Society by Mr. Thompson.

Resolved 22. That Mr. Nathan Ashby be appointed to act as Catechist at Elsmere under the superintendence of Mr. Newman.

Resolved 23. That Mr. A. Findlay succeed Mr. Newman in the charge of the Schools at Amity Hall, & occupy the Society's premises there, the Great House being given up: & that his Salary be increased to the sum of £140 Wm. Curr.

Resolved 24. That in accordance with Resolution 5th of 4th Dec:- John Tollemache, one of the Youths from the Normal School, be appointed to act as School master under the Rev. Mr. Woodcock at Rural Hill, & that arrangements be made for his reception there.

Resolved 25. That John Panton Osborne, one of the Youths of the Normal School be appointed to act as School Master at Liverpool under the Rev. Mr. Dixon.

In consequence of the very irregular way in which Mr. Forbes has acted in removing from Parramatta, without informing the Comtee of his ill health.

Resolved 26. That the Comtee do express their disapprobation of such proceedings & also their hope that in appointing Mr. Forbes to another Station according to his request, he will so apply himself to his duties & studies as to be prepared to answer their expectation, and appear for ordination at the next opportunity.

Adjourned till next day

Adjourned Meeting Jan: 16th

Mr. Wm. Forbes having appeared before the Comtee, & on hearing the 20th Resolution of this meeting read, having expressed himself in language imputing motives of hostility towards himself on the part of this Committee.

Resolved 27. That Mr. Forbes be requested to furnish the Comtee with a written statement of his reasons for so expressing himself.

Resolved 28th. That the Secretary be requested to communicate with the Bishop's Secretary in order to ascertain the wishes of his Lordship with respect to licensing the Society's Catechists who act as Lay readers.

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Mr Wm Smith having expressed a wish to resume his duties as a Catechist as soon as his services at the Mission House can be spared; & Mr Richard Tumbull of Montego Bay having been mentioned as a fit & proper person to discharge the duties of Clerk to the Society;-

Resolved 29. That the Secretary do write to Mr Tumbull on the subject. & that he have authority to engage his services at a Salary of £200 Currency P. Annum.-

The Com.e having been informed by Dr Fergusson that John Prince - one of the Normal Scholars, is threatened with the total loss of his sight;- & as consequently, no hope remains of his becoming a School Teacher.

Resolved 30. That John Prince be removed from the Normal School, & be returned to his father.-

The report of the continued bad conduct of Joseph Barnes - one of the Normal Scholars - having been read -

Resolved 31. That he be no longer continued in that Institution.

The case of the Moore Town Maroons having been brought before the Com.e.- & the present very promising condition of that Station, & the anxiety of the Maroons themselves for the continuance of their present religious advantages having been represented;- the Com.e referring to Sir George Grey's letter to D. Coates Esq.r of Jan 16.th 1838.- authorizing the application of Government Grant to places where, though no legal title for the land can be obtained, a reasonable prospect of continuance is afforded; & considering also the very dilapidated state of the building now in use as a School House;

Resolved 32. That the Rev. W. Griffiths & Mr. Pollitt be authorized to act as a Sub Committee, to apply the Government Grant, together with such other funds, as have been or may be collected in the neighbourhood, to the erection of a new School House in Moore Town; & that the Society's legal advisers be requested to procure from the Maroons, the best title that can be devised for the land.

Mr. Gillies' letter respecting the dilapidated state of the School House at Accompong having been read, and Mr. Gillies himself consulted on the subject

Resolved 33. That Mr. Gillies be authorized to make temporary arrangements, for the support of the walls of the house to an amount not exceeding the sum of £8.-

The 27.th Resolution of this Meeting having been handed to Mr. Wm. Foster by the Secretary, & he having returned a written explanation & apology;

Resolved 34.- That the explanation & apology of Mr. Foster, be accepted.-

Adjourned 'till the 21.st

## Adjourned Meeting Jan[y] 2[nd]

Resolved 35. That a sum not exceeding £220 Curr[y] be granted to the Secretary for the purchase of two Sumpter horses, harness, & a Sumpter Mule, for the purpose of transporting in the Societys service.

Resolved 36. That the Ox Cuncle & Harness be sold & the proceeds placed to the credit of the Society.

A letter from Rev Mr Stainsby being read, relating to proceedings instituted by Kitty Sharpe against the Societys Teacher Mr Holt for House rent; & also a petition from Messrs Stainsby & Duncell referring to proceedings had by the Magistrates of Hanover against Mr. Holt.

Resolved 37. That the Secretary do write to ascertain the particulars of each action, & the Amount of expence incurred.

Resolved 38. That is expedient to draw for the sum of £370 Stg upon the Parent Comtee to meet the expences of the Current Quarter.

Adjourned 'till the next day

## Adjourned Meeting Jan: 22nd

The Secretary having in compliance with Resolution 11th Oct 4th 1838 written to the Hon[ble] John Salmon, bringing to his recollection his promise on behalf of the Proprietors of Appleton of £100 Stg towards the erection of the buildings at the Societys Station:- & Mr Salmon having declined payment of the above sum, alledging in justification the change which has taken place in the Island, since the promise was made, & also stating that greater assistance had been afforded to the Society at Appleton & Bonavista than was at first contemplated.

Resolved 39. That the Secretary do write to the Sub Comtees of those Stations requesting the particulars of the assistance afforded by the neighbouring properties under Mr Salmon's charge.

Mr Henry Harris having offered certain views and sketches of Scenery in Jamaica to the Society.

Resolved 40. That the offer be thankfully accepted, on the understanding that the Comtee be allowed to exercise their judgment as to the best mode of disposing of them.

In order to carry out the the 32nd Resolution of this Meeting

Resolved 41 That the Secretary be authorized to pay to the Rev G. Griffiths the Sum of £200- being the Moiety of the Government Grant:- & the sum £70. 15. 5 contributed by the Maroons and Negroes in the Neighbourhood-

The Rev W. Betts having in accordance with the 11th Resolution

of this Meeting undertaken the management of the Normal School. - And it appearing evident to the Comtee that the usual Allowance of a Missionary is not equal to the expence of residing at the Grove in the Neighbourhood of Kingston -

Resolved 42. That the Stipend of Mr. Betts be at the rate of £400 Currency pr Annum.

Mr. Byrne having applied for the Sanction of this Comtee to his forming a matrimonial engagement.

Resolved 43. That the Comtee feel that they require further time to inform themselves that the Lady in question is a suitable person to be brought into that relation with the Mission -

The Meeting was closed with Prayer

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The consideration of the Comtee having been called to [illegible] which has been attended the long course of Christian [illegible] afforded by the Society, to the Natives of Accompong, and the almost hopeless case of persons who under such long [illegible] moral culture refuse in general to submit even to the outward decencies & restraints.

Resolved 15. That the Society's Catechist be withdrawn from that Station in order that some other district where Christian instruction may be as much needed, & more valued, may experience the benefit of the Society's labours.

Resolved 16. That it be a regulation of this Mission that if the Mission lose the services of any Missionary or Catechist by death, return home, or otherwise, within the first two years after his joining the Mission, half of the sum allowed him for the purchase of a horse to be refunded. this observed regulation to apply to persons receiving horse allowance from the 1st Jan. 18[illegible]

The concerns of the Mission having become so multifarious and important, and it being almost indispensable that the Rev. R. Panton, in resuming the office of Secretary should have the readiest means of information on the whole of the Society's affairs

Resolved 17. That Mr. Betts be requested to cooperate with Mr. Panton in the discharge of the duties of Secretary for the space of three months after the return of the former Secretary to the Island.

Referring to the necessity which has been long felt by [illegible] members of this Committee, & already brought under incidental discussion that a person should be appointed to attend for a time at least, to the general duty of superintending the various Mission Stations, — travelling from one to another, — encouraging the members of the body, and promoting a more uniform method of conducting the various schools, & devising the best means of obtaining regular pecuniary contributions in aid of the Society, from its various Congregations and friends in the Island; and considering that the time has now arrived, when such an arrangement is specially called for.

Resolved 18. That Mr. Betts is a person eminently qualified for this particular office, and that as a measure following and connected with the preceding Res.; he be appointed Visitor and inspector for these purposes for the ensuing [illegible]

The Corresponding Comtee having met with every kindness from Mr. & Mrs. Tomlinson on the present occasion —

Resolved 19. That their Chairman be requested to tender the acknowledgements of the Comtee for the hospitality received during their stay at Stuntby.

The business was concluded with Prayer

Minutes of a quarterly Meeting of the Corresponding Committee held at Kingston on the 9th, 10th, 11th, 17th, 18th, 21st & 22nd Jan: 1839.

Present. Rev: C. F. Hall
" Sol: Williams
John King Esq.
Rev W. K. Betts. Act: Secy.

The business was preceded by Prayer.

The Minutes of the last meeting were read and also the letter of D. Coates Esq. of November 1st with the resolutions of the Parent Com. enclosed.

Tenders having been obtained for the erection of a School House at Woodford Station as required by the 1st Resolution of last Meeting.

Resolved 1. That the Secretary be authorized to arrange with Mr. W. Campbell for the erection of the School house for the sum of £600 Currency, or about £380 Stg., on his specifying the work to be done, & giving satisfactory securities.

A letter from the Rev. W. Woodcock dated 28th Dec 1838 relative to the resolutions of the Cor. Com. No. 2, 3 & 4 passed 3rd Oct 1838, having been read.

Resolved 2. That this Com. deeply regret that they cannot after [illegible] preceding their feelings on its contents being read. It was painful to them to find that one so nearly connected with them should express himself in so disrespectful a style - censure them for their manner of acting towards himself - and condemn them for other proceedings with which he has no concern. That the last paragraph of Mr. Woodcocks letter alluding exclusively to their Secretary will be replied to by himself.

The Medical attendant on Mr. & Mrs. Sedon having stated in writing that it is requisite that both of them should go to a colder climate as early as possible.

Resolved 3. That the Secretary make arrangements for the passage to England of Mr. & Mrs. Sedon & child at an expense not exceeding £100 Stg.

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Resolved 4. That the Rev C. Doutt be authorized to get the necessary [illegible] erected at the Portville Station, for a sum not exceeding £50 Currency - also to have erected a stone wall fence, to put up a gate, and to procure the necessary benches for the School.

Resolved 5. That Mr. Voyey's bill for his professional services in superintending the School House at Rural Hills, amounting to £10 4. 9 Currency be paid, - but that as the promised and on which Mr. Woodcock relied when he commenced so large a building in so expensive a style does not appear to be forthcoming, this Com. does not feel itself justified in allowing it to go on any further according to the plan, without a thorough investigation

Read June 1839

The Secretary availed himself of the presence in the Society's House in Kingston on the 27th February 1839. of

Rev: Joseph Williams.
Rev: W. K. Betts.
John King Esqre

members of the Corresponding Comtee, to represent to them his want of funds to carry on the business of the Society, and to pay for the passage of the Rev: D. Lesdon & Mr Corner & their families. The Secretary further stated, that tho' the money placed at his disposal was exhausted, the Society had a considerable sum in the Bank, on which orders could be drawn by a Comtee -

I. The members present, upon this representation formed themselves into a Provisional Committee, and drew two Orders on the Bank, one for £400 - the other for £200 -

II - The Secretary having drawn the attention of the Committee to the 24th & 25th Resolutions of January 1839 - by which John Panton Osborne was appointed School Master at Islook, under the Rev. Mr Dixon. & John Tollemache under the Rev. Mr Woodcock at Rural Hill, & the Rev. Mr Betts having suggested that a change should be made in these appointments - because John Tollemache the younger & less steady, if placed with Mr Dixon, would be under more immediate superintendence and guidance, than Mr Woodcock in his present situation could afford him -

Resolved. - That the proposed change be made, John Tollemache being appointed to conduct the School at Islook, under the Rev. Mr Dixon. & John Panton Osborne, proceeding to Rural Hill -

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At a Quarterly Meeting of the Corresponding Comtee held in the Society's House Kingston on the 3rd & 4th & 6th April 1839 -

Present

John King Esqre in the Chair
Rev. G. J. Hall
Rev. W. K. Betts
Rev. William Hylton
Rev. Richd Panton

Secretary

After Prayer

I - The Minutes of the former Meeting were read and the execution of them enquired into & relation -

II. The Minutes of a Provisional Committee held 27th February were read & confirmed —

III The Resolutions of the Parent Committee of Oct. 23d. 1838 for the future guidance of the Corr: Comtee in transacting the business of the Society having been read & considered —

Resolved. — That same be adopted with the slight alterations which have been found necessary, & entered in the Minutes of this Comtee: & that the Secty do inform the Parent Committee of these alterations —

## "Committee of Correspondence Oct 23d 1838

"Various Communications from the Jamaica Mission having been "considered, it was resolved —

"That with a view to obviate the difficulties which "have arisen in assembling the Members of the "Corr: Comtee for the despatch of business, in consequence "of the distance of their residence from each other, "& of several of them from Kingston — the following "course be recommended the Cor. Comtee in carrying on "their proceedings.

"(1). That the stated Meetings of the Corr: Comtee be held "at Kingston — that place possessing general advantages "for carrying on the business of the Society beyond any "other part of the Island — but subject to the discretion "of the Corr: Comtee as to the holding an occasional Meeting "elsewhere, as special circumstances may require.

"(2). That in case three Members of the Corr: Comtee do not "attend at any Meeting duly summoned, it shall be "competent for the Secretary to adopt such measures "on matters of emergency, as he may deem advisable "subject to reporting the same to the next Meeting of "the Corr: Comtee for their judgment upon them.

"(3). That it be suggested to the Corr: Comtee to form local "Committees in different parts of the Island, as may be "found practicable & convenient, on whom should be devolved "the administration of matters of details of a local nature "referred to them by the Corr: Comtee. — Reports of the "proceedings of such Committees to be presented to the "next Meeting of the Corr: Comtee. —

"(4). That with a view to promptitude, & consequent efficiency "in carrying on the business of the Mission, the Secretary "be authorized in the intervals of the Meeting of the Corr: "Comtee, & when a special Meeting of that body cannot be "conveniently assembled, to take such measures on "matters of emergency as he may consider to be called for: "all such proceedings to be reported to the next Meeting "of the Corr: Committee for their judgment thereon.

(5). That in cases when a Meeting of the Corr: Comtt. cannot be held, and a bill or the Parent Committee is required to meet payments which cannot be delayed, the Secretary be authorized with the sanction of two Members of the Corr: Comtt. to draw for the sum necessary, such sanction to be signified by their signing the Bills: & that the proceeding & the reasons of it, be reported to the next meeting of the Corr: Comtt. for their judgment upon it."

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Island Funds to be increased

IV. The Secretary having brought before the Committee the Question of the best mode of increasing the Funds of the Society in the Island, it was.

By Association

Resolved 1st. That the Secretary do communicate with Messrs Stainsby & Griffiths. to ascertain whether they be willing to travel in conjunction with the Secretary as Deputations for the purpose of forming Associations in aid of the funds of the Society.

By payment at Schools.

Resolved 2nd. That the Secretary be requested to write a Circular addressed to each Missionary requesting him to give his views of the expediency of commencing a System of money Payment in the Schools under his charge: & requiring from the Children of the poorer classes the sum of 2½ Pr. Week. and from those of persons in better circumstances the sum of 5/- Pr. Quarter.

By Seat Rents.

Resolved 3rd. That each Missionary be informed that when it has become practicable, the Comtt. sanction the proposal of raising an income to the Society by the renting of seats in the several Places of Worship: the proceeds of such rent to be placed to the credit of the Society.

Special Meeting to appoint Treasurer.

V. The Secretary was directed to call a Special Meeting of the Corr: Comtt. to take into consideration the Question whether it be not preferable to place the money matters of the Society in the hands of a Treasurer, rather than as present; leaving the responsibility, & the detail of business in the hand of the Secretary: & such meeting to take place on Wednesday the 24th. Inst. when other business may also be brought before the Meeting.

VI. In accordance with the 6th Resolution of last Meeting a statement of the late Revd. S. Cowen affairs was produced when the Comtt. resolved to wait the instructions of the Parent Comtt. in the matter.

Revd S. Cowens affairs

Revd Mr Byrne's marriage sanctioned.

VII. Reference having been made to the 43rd Resolution of last Meeting, & the Comtt being satisfied on the subject.

Resolved. That the sanction of the Comtt. to Mr. Byrne's proposed marriage is now granted.

Actions against Mr. Holt.

VIII. The Secretary having in compliance with the 37th Resolution of last Meeting, related the particulars of the actions against Mr. Holt it was.

Resolved. That the expences of the action of Kitty Sharpe against Mr. Holt be paid.

IX. Mr Foster having represented to the Comtee that he is labouring under embarassment from debt, arising from the non-payment of Salary due to him, when employed by another Society:- and requesting a loan of £40. to be retain from his present Salary, by three succeeding Quarterly instalments.
Resolved. That the Comtee under the circumstances of the case, sanction the Loan. — Loan granted to Foster

X. The Secretary was desired to write to Mr Fabes, expressing the expectation of the Comtee that he will offer himself for Deacon's Orders at the ensuing Ordination on the 16th June next. Mr W. N. Ashby also received permission of the Comtee to become a Candidate for Holy Orders. — Mr Fabes's Ordination & Mr W. Ashby's

XI. Reference was made to the 23rd Resolution of Feb. 1st 1838, and the Tenders for the erection of a small dwelling House on the Society's premises at Port Phoenix not being satisfactory.
Resolved. That Mr King & the Secry be a Sub-Committee to enquire if Materials for the Erection of the required building cannot be obtained, ready prepared & fitted, from America, & placed on the spot at a cheaper rate: & if they find that the House can be put up for a sum not exceeding £400 Curry. that they have authority to make the necessary arrangements to carry the same into effect. — Stations — Port Phoenix — Dwelling House

XII. The Secretary having represented that the Out Offices at Amity Hall were completed, and that some repairs were necessary at the School House. it was
Resolved 1. That the Secretary be authorized to pay £30 Currency, according to the Agreement entered into for the aforesaid Out Offices.
Resolved 2. That the repairs be made at the School House and that it receive a Coat of paint Outside. — Amity Hall — Out Offices & Repairs

XIII. The present condition of the Building at the Society's Station at Rural Hill, having been considered, & the difficulties into which the Cir: Comtee have been brought appearing to be such as the Comtee cannot take upon themselves to meet without a reference to the Parent Comtee.
Resolved. That the Secretary do lay before the Parent Committee a full statement of the Commencement, the present situation, & the difficulties in the way of the completion of the Building at Rural Hill; enclosing the Architects Sketch thereof - & do request their advice & assistance. — Rural Hill — Building Stopped

XIV. The Secretary having stated to the Comtee that he had visited Mount Town, & seen the foundation of the New School House about to be erected there, & it appearing that the proposed building has been commenced on a scale far exceeding the means placed at the disposal of the Sub Committee, who are depending on the assistance of the Members to make up the deficiency: & the Committee being apprehensive that their means may be expended, and the Building remain incomplete. — Mount Town — Building too large.

Resolved That the Secretary do write to the Sub Committee with
lof of time, reminding them that the Committee cannot go beyond
the sum already voted for the New School House, & requesting
that no part of the Government grant may be expended
until the Sub Committee have arrived at a certainty that they have
the means of completing the building, or until they have
reduced their plans within the means at their disposal.

Accompong relinquished

XV. Mr Gillies' Report of the Station at Accompong, detailing the continued & increasing misconduct of the Maroons having been read: & reference having been made to the 15th Resolution of Decr 1838, & to the 9th Resolution of Jany 1839.

Resolved 1st That painful as it is to the minds of the Comee they see no alternative before them; - but feel themselves compelled to withdraw the Teacher from the Station.

Resolved 2nd That Mr Gillies be requested to remain at Accompong until he hears further respecting his future location; - & that in the mean time, the Secy address a letter to Mr Williamson the attorney of Mr Rowe, to ascertain whether the Society's Teacher, can have the use of the lower house at Old England in Manchester offered to the Society by Mr Rowe.

Bernam Wood £100 granted

XVI. The Rev. Mr Sefping having applied for another grant of £100 towards the completion of the buildings at Bernam Wood. that sum was granted.

Mr Sefping having also applied for the continuance for one quarter of the extra allowance granted to his station in order that he might put in order the Pastures belonging to the Society.

Pastures

Resolved That Mr Sefping be informed that the extra XVI.
allowance granted by the Comee to Bernam Wood while occupied by a lay teacher, has ceased on his Ordination & cannot consequently be continued this Quarter. But the Comee will permit the expenditure of the Compensation granted for the Jury Road and fence through the Society's Land, as soon as it can be obtained from the Vestry of the Parish, in cleaning & improving the XVII
pastures of the Station.

XVII. The Comee sanctioned the repairs & painting, & the 2 Sash Windows, which the Secretary had ordered at Woodford.

XVIII. The report of Mr Taylor was read in which he informed the Comee that the Independent Missionaries on the invitation of Mr had fixed themselves in the neighbourhood of the Orchard: & that in consequence the two Societies are now in some measure interfering with each others labours. & further states that much greater encouragement was afforded by the destitute people on the other side of Yallahs River.

Resolved That Messrs Betts & Panton be appointed a Sub. Comee XVIII.
to enquire whether an eligible residence & sphere of labour can be procured for Mr Taylor, in the above contemplated district: - and that they have authority to take the necessary steps to locate him there, if it be deemed advisable.

Resolved That in accordance with the recommendation of Messrs Millard & Millard & Millard Bond Brought be removed to the Institution on Probation

Resolved 2d That with respect to Henry Griffiths Mr Betts be requested to exercise his own judgment on the question of returning him, when he shall have had further opportunity of observing his character

Mr Betts having also reported on the case of Robert Whittle, that for the period of time he has been in the School, his progress has not been satisfactory - that he has shewn an unwillingness to submit to the discipline of the Institution; - & that his conduct has been in other respects culpable.

Resolved 3d That he be informed that he is now on probation during the current quarter, as to whether he will be allowed to continue in the Institution.

Resolved 4th That Mr Betts have authority (should occasion arise) to dismiss him at any time during the quarter.

Robert Whittle accordingly appeared before the Committee & was addressed & warned.

John Panton Osborne also appeared before the Committee & was addressed by the Rev. C. J. Hall on the occasion of his leaving the Institution to take charge of a School.

Resolved 5th That the salaries of John Titlemore and John Panton Osborne be at the same rate with that of Thomas Clarke Nichols. Viz: £60 Currency pr Annum.

XX. The Rev. C. J. Hall was authorized to procure ~~the necessary~~ buckets & Mats, for the School at Somerset Hall. -

XXI. The Rev. D. Littlejohn & John Doughtey Esqr were appointed a Sub Committee to attend to the Buildings in progress at Prattville & Stokes; - the Rev. M. Daniel having been removed to St Elizabeths.

XXII. The Rev. Mr Dixon on his application received authority to build a Stone wall round the Mission Premises at Silvah. ~~XVIII~~ a common fence round the land belonging to the Society of meeting. He was also authorized to have Stone Steps built at the front & back doors of his House. ~~XVI~~

XXIII. Mrs Smith having withdrawn her services from the Society during the latter part of last Year without reference to the Committee

Resolved That the Committee consider that Mrs Smith did thereby dissolve her connexion with the Society.

XXIV. The Committee sanctioned the payment of the sum of £10 Currency to James for work done at the School House at Nain.

XXV. The Rev. H. J. Yates having stated in his report "If the

Normal School
Yr Teacher
Yr Building
on probation

H. Griffiths on probation if at present

H. Whittle on probation.

Salaries

Somerset Mats
Buckets &c.

Prattville
Elstree
Sub Committee

Silvah
Fence & Steps

Mrs S. Smith withdrawn

Nain.
£10 pd to James

Rec.o Plans

£300 granted to complete

"

Knockaloe

Contracts sanctioned

Rev.d C. Wrigley removed from Sub Com.tee

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Com.tee will place at my disposal £301 (which with the whole sum £900 Currency) I will engage to finish the Building without troubling them further". that sum was granted.

XXVI. The Sub Committee for Knockaloe having applied for the sanction of the Com.tee to the Contracts which have been entered for the new Buildings at the Station. It was,

Resolved 1st. That such sanction be hereby given.

It appearing from the Report of the Rev.d C. W. Wrigley that the attention to the erection of the Building at Knockaloe which would be required of him, as a Member of the Sub. Committee appointed to superintend the Buildings, would considerably interfere with his duties, in superintending the Schools connected with that Station. II

Resolved 2nd. That it is inexpedient he should be occupied in these secular employments, to the injury of the Schools, & that he be accordingly relieved from the duties of a Member of the Sub. Committee.

Resolved 3rd. That the Secretary address a letter to George Gordon Esquire, asking for the grant of £200 Stg. promised as a contribution from Neil Malcolm Esq.r to the Buildings at Knockaloe. III

IV. The Accounts for the last Quarter were audited. Various accounts were passed, ## & Ld Bills were drawn on D. Cooke Esq.r for £500 Stg each.

Prayer.

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At a Special Meeting of the Corresponding Com.tee called in accordance with Minute V of last Meeting, and held in Kingston April 24th 1839.

Present

Rev.: G. Griffiths: - in the Chair.
" " J. Williams
" " W. K. Betts
" " W. Hylton
John Stamp Esq.r
Rev.: R. Panton. Secretary.

I. The nature of the present arrangement of the Committee with the Colonial Bank having been enquired into, & the Question "whether it be not preferable to place the money matters of the Society in the hands of a Treasurer, rather than, as at present, leaving the responsibility, and the detail of the business in the hands of the Secretary;" having been considered

It was

[illegible] existing between the Society & the Bank, & appoint a Treasurer to transact the money [illegible] the Society, & to act as Agent & Clerk to the Comtee.

The Rev. W. R. Bobbs protested against this Resolution.

XXI

Resolved 2nd. That Samuel Orgill Esqr be appointed Treasurer & Clerk, & that he be recommended to the Parent Comtee to be placed on the Corr. Comtee.

Resolved 3rd. That the Treasurer's Salary, be the sum of £20 Currency, at present paid to the Clerk, & ½ per Cent on Bills drawn on England, hitherto foregone by the arrangement with the Bank, & that he be allowed lodging in the Society's House in Kingston.

II. — Resolved. That the House at present occupied by the Society in King Street be relinquished — & a smaller House be rented — the upper story to be the residence of the Treasurer — the lower to be used as a Committee Room, Office, & Depository — & that an arrangement be entered into with Miss Kelly, & any other Lodging House Keeper, to receive the Missionaries when called to Town at a fixed rate, considerably lower than the usual charges.

III. The Secretary represented that he had written, as in accordance with the Resolution contained in Minute XIII. of last Meeting, to the Rev. W. Woodcock to suspend the proceedings at Rural Hill until the pleasure of the Parent Comtee should be ascertained. —

— That in consequence of this notice, he had received from Mr. Vasey the Architect, a strong representation to the effect that if the Building was left in its present state, great loss would fall upon the Society in the injury of the property already invested.

— And further that he had received from the Congregation of Mr. Woodcock a very interesting and powerful appeal in a Petition to the Comtee entreating them to proceed with the Building; — & pledging themselves to produce £236 — in aid.

XXII

The representation & Petition having been read it was

Resolved 1st — That the Resolutions contained in Minute XIII of last Meeting be rescinded, & that the Rev. W. Griffiths be joined with Mr. Woodcock in the Comtee to complete the Building. The Rev. W. R. Bobbs protested against this Resolution.

Resolved 2nd — That the sum of £100 Currency be granted for this object. — & that the Secretary request authority from the Parent Comtee to procure a loan to replace the above sum in the funds of the Society; — such loan to be paid off in three annual instalments, raised by the rent of seats in the Building when Completed. For Public Worship on the Sabbath

Resolved 3rd: That to cover the above expenditure a Bill for £300 Sterling be drawn on D. Coates Esqre.

IV. The Comee allowed to Mr Tollemache the sum of £25 Currency P. Annum, for rent of House &c. & granted the sum of £70. for the Enlargement of the School-Room at Port Antonio according to estimate.

V. .... The Rev. Mr Betts was authorized to accept the tender of Mr Campbell to paint the premises at the Grove for £38 Currency. if a more advantageous offer does not present itself.

VI. The Rev Mr Dixon applied for a Bill on D. Coates Esqre for £40 Stlg in favr of Mr Young of Islington to be paid for out of his Quarters Stipend, & also stated to the Comee, that it would be a great accommodation to the Missionaries, if they could procure small Bills in favr of their friends in London.

Resolved. That the Treasurer be authorized to procure for the Missionaries Bills on Mr Coates at the Current Prem.m to any Amount, not exceeding the Quarters Stipend, when due.

VII. The Secretary represented that he had, in accordance with the 2nd Resolution of Min: XV of last Meeting, written to Mr Williamson, the Attorney of Mr Rowe, from whom he had received a kind answer, stating that the Lower House at Old England was at the service of the Society's Teacher.

Resolved. That Mr Gillies be directed to leave Accompong & to occupy the new Station at Little Stampton, with as little delay as possible, residing for the present in the Lower House at Old England.

VIII. The Secretary was directed to write to Mr Paul to stay proceedings at Barbary Hall.

IX. The Rev Wm Hylton having left the Parish of St Elizabeth, & it having in consequence become necessary to appoint a new Sub-Committee to attend to the Buildings at Mount Hermon.

Resolved 1st. That the Revs. Messrs Doncet & Oakes be appointed such Sub Committee.

Resolved 2nd That ~~the~~ Messrs Miller & Hylton be requested to furnish to the Comee a final Statement of the Money transactions of Mount Hermon Station.

Prayers.

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# Jamaica.

At a Quarterly Meeting of the Corresponding Committee held at the Society's House in Kingston on the 3d. 4th & 5th July 1839

## Present

The Revd C. F. Hall in the Chair
— W. K. Betts
— R. Panton
Secretary

## General

After Prayer,

Minutes Apl 3d & Apl 24th

I. The Minutes of the previous Quarterly Meeting, & of the Special Meeting April 24th were read.

Letters from Europe

II. The Letters from the Parent Comee were read, upon which it was

Resolved

That the Secretary do call a Special Meeting of the Corr. Comee for the 24th Instant to take into consideration the probable expences of the current year, in order to furnish a detailed estimate to the Parent Comee according to their desire:— & to devise the best means of increasing our funds from local resources:— when other business may also be brought before the Comee.

Special Meeting called for July 24th

Bills How to be drawn.

III. It having become necessary in consequence of the appointment of a Treasurer, & the dissolution of the arrangement with the Colonial Bank, that a different plan should be adopted in drawing Bills on the Parent Comee it was

Resolved 1st

That the Bills on the Parent Comee shall be drawn, as hitherto, in Comee signed by the Chairman & placed in the hands of the Treasurer:— that the signature of both the Treasurer & the Secretary shall also be necessary & that these shall be affixed, & the Bills sold as the money is required.

in Corr. Comee

Resolved 2d

That in no case shall any one Bill exceed £500 Sterling:— & that when it is necessary to sell a larger sum by one Packet the several Bills shall be so drawn that not more than one shall become due on the same day:— while the usual "sight" shall be not less than Thirty five days.

Amount

"sight"

Island Funds

IV.- Reference having been made to Minute IV. of last Meeting, & the Correspondence arising therefrom having been considered, it was

## Resolved 1st

Payment to be asked at Schools

That it is advisable that a system of money payment be at once introduced into the Schools of the Mission, & that it be regulated according to the following

## Rules.

for Reading

(1st) That each child learning to read, to repeat Hymns, Catechisms &c shall pay at the commencement of each week the sum of ---------- 2/2

Writing

(2d) That each child who, in addition to the foregoing, shall be learning to write, shall pay per week ---------- 3. II

& Arithmetic.

(3d) That each child who shall also be receiving instruction in cyphering shall pay p. week ---- 1/2

Discretionary power

(4th) That in cases where the children are very young; or where the parents are in great poverty; or where there are more than two children in the family attending the School; it is left at the discretion of the Teacher to lower, or excuse payment. III

Children in better circumstances.

(5th) That children of persons in better circumstances shall be received at the rate p. Quarter of - £1-0-0

## Resolved 2d-

Stations exempt for the present.

That from the operation of the preceding Resolution the Schools at the following Stations shall for the present be exempted on account of their peculiar circumstances.

Somerset Hall
Amity Hall
Little Hampton.

## Resolved 3d-

Payment for seats in Chapel & School-houses.

That the Secretary do write to the several Missionaries & Catechists explaining the wish of the Committee that the people attending Public Worship in our Chapels and School-Houses, should be invited as a privilege to secure to themselves seats for their accommodation, by the payment

of a certain rate of rent, & that this should not be represented to them as a compulsory regulation; but as a convenience, of which they may avail themselves if they wish, to an extent not exceeding two thirds of the whole accommodation.

III

Two Third reserved for the Poor.

Resolved 4th-

That the amount to be charged & the detail of the arrangement, be settled in correspondence between the Missionaries & the Secretary.

amount & detail.

IIIV

Resolved 5th-

That it be recommended to each Missionary & Catechist to make a Collection in aid of the funds of the Society on the approaching 1st of August.

Collection on 1st August.

Resolved 6th-

That this Comee are of opinion that at several of the Society's Stations a part of the Land attached to the Mission Premises might be disposed of with advantage;— particularly at Rural Hill, the Grove, Birnam Wood, Windsor, & Peter Plains.

IV

Sale of Land.

Resolved 7th-

That the Comee therefore sanction the division of the Land into lots for the purpose at the above named Stations;— provided that 20 Acres around the Premises at each place be reserved for the Society:— & that these lots shall not exceed two Acres each:— & that before any engagement of sale be entered into, a reference be made to the Comee detailing the particulars of the division.

division of land.

20 Acres reserved

2 Acre lots.

IV

V.- In consequence of the pressure on the funds of the Society; & also in consequence of the inefficiency of the School,

Resolved.

That the allowance hitherto paid towards the support of the Female School of Industry in this City do cease from the 30th of June last.

Female School.

support withdrawn

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VI.- The Secretary was requested to draw up a short address for public distribution:— appending thereto a list for the past year of the Subscribers of Ten Shillings & upwards.

Address to the Public

## General

Reynolds goes to Europe.

VII.- Mr. Edmund Reynolds having applied to the Comee to be sent to England with the view of increasing his efficiency as a Missionary by studying at the Society's Institution at Islington

Resolved

That the Comee accede to his request; & that he be strongly recommended to the Parent Comee, as a fit person to be admitted into the Institution as a Candidate for Holy Orders.

Smith's £50 granted.

VIII.- In consideration of the expensiveness of living in Kingston, & other circumstances attending the peculiar situation of Mr Smith during the last nine months

Resolved

That it is obvious that his Salary has not been equivalent to his necessary expences; & that the sum of £50 Cy be granted to him to relieve him from debt.

W. Findlay Correspondence with his Son.

IX.- A letter from Mr W. Findlay together with a letter from his Son to himself, having been read

Resolved

That Mr Betts & the Secy be authorised to institute an enquiry into the circumstances alluded to in these letters: & that they report the result to the Special Meeting on the 24th Instant.

W. Ashby & N. Ashby Leave of absence.

X.- The applications for leave of absence made by the Revd W. Ashby, & Mr N. Ashby were acceded to.

Horse-Money general rule.

XI.- The Revd W. Ashby applied for the sum of £30 Cy being the difference between the allowance made to a Catechist for the purchase of Horses, & that made to an Ordained Missionary,

Resolved

That the above sum be granted: & that it is considered that on the Ordination of a Catechist, he is entitled to the additional allowance for the purchase of Horses.

## Stations.

Salt Savannah Chapel.

XII.- The Revd W. Ashby was authorised to clear out, & prepare for Public Worship the Corn Store at Salt Savannah, kindly offered by Mr Lungren for six months, at an expence of about £5:- & the Secy was instructed to correspond with Mr Ashby on the subject of getting up the proposed Thatched Building under the Cotton Trees at an expence not exceeding £25.

## Stations

Proposd. School at Paradise

The proposal of Mess^rs Cator and McKinnon to establish a School at Paradise Estate in Vere, as a Sub-Station to Salt Savannah at the cost to the Society of £25 Cy. per Ann: was acceded to:- provided it be found on further enquiry that the accommodation of the Teacher, & fitting up of the School-room can be effected without incurring additional expence; & also that the proposed Teacher be found a suitable person.

Proviso

Siloah

Roof of Building.

XIII. A letter from the Rev^d H. L. Dixon enclosing the opinion of Mess^rs Gallant & King (Carpenters) on the condition of the Roof of the School-house at Siloah, having been read

Resolved

That the Sub. Com^ee be requested to call on the Contractor for the Building to remedy the defects, & to finish his work in a workmanlike manner: & that they report his Answer.

Prayer.—

Rich: Fanton

Sec^y C.C

Kingston: July 3. 4. 5. 39

Minutes of Corr. Com.te

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Corresp. 24/39

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At a Special Meeting of the Corresponding Comee called in accordance with Minute II of last Meeting, & held at the Society's House in Kingston on the 24th & 25th July 1839.

Present

The Revd C. F. Hall in the Chair.

—— W. K. Betts

—— W. Ireland

J. King Esqr.

Revd R. Panton Secretary.

General.

After Prayer

Minute II of July 4th/39. I. The Secretary read Minute II. of last Meeting when the Comee deferred the consideration of the Estimate to the next day.

Stations

Normal School. II. The Secretary then drew the attention of the

Vacancy Comee to the vacancy caused in the Normal School by the departure of Mr Reynolds for England when it was

Resolved 1st

Mr Taylor appointed. That Mr Taylor be removed with his concurrence, from the Orchard to the Normal Institution at the Grove, to aid & assist the Revd W. K. Betts in the duties of the Station.

Resolved 2d

Mr Smith supplies the Orchard. That Mr Smith be appointed to supply the place of Mr Taylor at the Orchard.

Grove III. The Revd W. K. Betts having represented the

Fences necessity of having some Fences made at the Grove, it was

Resolved

authorised That he be authorised to have the necessary Fences made at an expence not exceeding £20 Cy.

W. & R. Findlay IV. Reference having been made to Minute IX. of last Meeting: & the Correspondence between the Secretary & the Messrs Findlay, Father & Son, having been read: & it appearing that a further investigation would not be at all likely to re-establish the Comees confidence in them, & a right spirit between themselves,

Resolved

connection dissolved. That it is expedient that the connection of both Mr W. Findlay, & Mr Aeneas Findlay with the Society be dissolved.

Stations

Charles Town & Amity Hall

V. The Stations at Charles Town & Amity Hall having thus become vacant: & the State of the Society's Funds having rendered necessary some retrenchment in the Mission,

Resolved 1st

That a Teacher be appointed to Amity Hall: but that the use of the Building for the remainder of the Society's lease be offered to the Bishop for the purpose of establishing a National School.

Amity Hall relinquished.

Resolved 2d

That Mr. Kesler be requested to take possession of the Society's property at Amity Hall: & to correspond with the Secretary as to the best mode of disposing of it.

Property of Soc.y

The Teacher having been removed from Amity Hall, & the Sub. School at Golden Grove being now deprived of Superintendance

Resolved 3d

That it be relinquished: & that Mr. Kesler be requested to inform Thomas Hamilton that he has been admitted at his request as a Scholar on probation in the Normal School for further instruction.

Thos. Hamilton

Resolved 4th

That it is not expedient at present to supply the vacancy at Charles Town by the appointment of another Teacher.

Charles Town vacant.

Mount Hermon Bennett

VI. It being requisite to supply the Rev.d W. Forbes with a School Master at Mount Hermon; & to provide more efficiently for the Main Station; & Messrs. Doiet, Hylton, & Forbes having recommended Mr. Bennett as a suitable person to become a Sub. Teacher in connection with the Mission;

Resolved

That the Secretary do communicate with Mr. Bennett to ascertain his views on the subject, & to obtain Testimonials: & that if the replies be satisfactory, & his services can be obtained at a Salary not exceeding £100 Cy. per an: Mr. Bennett be appointed to the Main Station; & that Thomas Clarke Nicholls undertake the Mount Hermon School under the Rev.d W. Forbes.

appointed to Main. & Nicholls to Mount Hermon.

Stations

Salt Savannah Chapel. VII. The Revd W. Kirkby was authorised with the permission of Mr Wildman's Attorney to carry out the Building used for an Out Office into a temporary Chapel of 55 feet by 25 with Stockade & Plaster, & a thatched Roof at an expence not exceeding £50- instead of the thatched Building authorised by Minute XII of last Meeting.

Little Hampton VIII. The Reports of Mr Gillies having represented Little Hampton & Old England as a neighbourhood already in a great measure supplied with instruction; & difficulties with respect to the Title to the Land having arisen

Resolved

Comtee appointed to visit the Above Rocks. That Messrs Betts, King, & Panton be appointed a Sub. Comtee to enquire whether a Lot of Land cannot be obtained for the Society in the District of the Above Rocks for the erection of a School House with the aid of a Government Grant: & that they have authority, if they find the requisite facilities, to procure the Land & Estimates for the erection of the Building.

Rural Hill IX. The Report of the Revd W. Woodcock & his letter to the Secretaries of the Parent Society, having been again brought under the consideration of the Comtee

Resolved

Woodcock That the Comtee think it right to call the attention of Mr Woodcock to the necessity of every Missy adhering to the usual mode of proceeding in the Mission - of obtaining the concurrence of the Comtee before any step of importance be taken:- & also to the impropriety of attributing to his Christian Brethren, Members of this Comtee, factious & improper motives.

General.

Estimate X The Comtee took again into consideration the correspondence of the Parent Comtee: & proceeded to prepare an Estimate of the expences of the Current year & to instruct the Secretary on the subject.

House Linen an Outfit. XI The Secretary was instructed to inform each Missionary & Catechist that he is to consider the House Linen in his possession as an Outfit not to be renewed by the Society & that in case of removal to another Station he is to take the House Linen with him.

General.

Allowance to children of Ordained Miss.ies

XII. Resolved

That from 1st Oct.r next the allowance to the children of Ordained Missionaries be reduced from £25 to £15 per an: each:

Allowance to Grove Station

XIII. The Rev.d Mr. Betts having stated to the Comm.tee that he has found that the extra expences attending a residence at the Grove may be met by a smaller sum than £100 p.r an: & having spontaneously relinquished the £25 due on the last Quarter,

Resolved

That the extra allowance made to the Grove Station be in future at the rate of £50 p.r an: (= £30 Cy)

Prayer

Adjourned.



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IX

C W/O 12/21

At a Quarterly Meeting of the Corresponding Committee held at the Society's House in Kingston on the 25 & 26 September 1839

Present

Matthew Forgusharson Esq. in the Chair

Revd G Griffiths

W Hilton

W H Bells

John Hing Esq

Sam. J. Orgill Esq. Treasurer

Revd R Panton Secretary

I The minutes of the last quarterly Meeting, & of the Special Meeting on the 24th July were read and the execution of them enquired into

II The letter of the Parent Society of August 1st 39 was read & in accordance with a recommendation therein contained it was

Resolved 1st

That Mr Orgill be designated "Treasurer" & as the Salary is such as to entitle the Society to the whole of his time, that he be requested to devote that time to the general business of the Mission & in rendering assistance to the Secretary in the discharge of his duties

Resolved 2nd

That the Securities tendered by Mr Orgill are approved of viz Messrs W Wemyss Anderson and W Peacock for the amount of £5000 Cy and that his Salary be at the rate of £450 Cy p. an: instead of the previous arrangement by which he received £200 p. an: as Clerk, and 1½ p. Cent on Bills and that he have lodging in the Mission House as heretofore

III The Secretary drew the attention of the Comee to Resn 6th & 7th of Victoria IV of the 30 July 1839 whereupon further consideration it appeared advisable not to sell, as proposed the land, which can be spared at several stations of the Society, but rather to dispose of it on smaller lots by lease with the object of establishing a village around the Mission Premises: it was thereupon

Resolved

That the spare land be leased in lots of 5 or 6 p. an: to persons approved, for two lives in each case, or for 21 Years, if preferred at from 2 to 3 dollars p. an: each lot: the expenses of the renewal of the lease, to be borne by the lessee.

IV The Secretary was directed to report to the Parent Comee the advisableness of procuring a Lease, for the longest period, that can be, of the land given to the Society at Appleton and Bonatirra, if so proper title can be procured.

V It appearing advisable that Deputations be appointed to visit the several Districts of the Island for the purpose of forming Associations to aid the funds of the Society, several Deputations were named, and the Secretary was instructed to invite their co-operation and to pay their expenses

VI Several objections to the proposed plan of erecting a School-house with the aid of the Government Grant on the land given to the Society at Little

[illegible] meeting means of the proposal of Mr C. Rowe for the sale of Old England to the Society, whereupon

Resolved

That the proposal be accepted viz: that the Society do pay to C. Rowe Esqr the sum of £300 Stg on the 1st of January 1840 and the same sum on the 1st of January of the two succeeding years for the Dwelling House & Out Offices at Old England, together with Fifty acres of land attached, according to the plan of Mr Williamson & furniture for Two sitting Rooms and three Bed rooms; - Mr Williamson the Attorney of Mr Rowe undertaking to build a Tank near the House

VII The requests of Messrs Cook, Pollet, Hanns and Newman that they may be named to the Bishop as Candidates for Holy Orders having been considered it was

Resolved

That it is not advisable that either of these should be named to the Bishop as Candidates at the ensuing Ordination

VIII The present position of Mr L. Holt, the Society's Catechist at Church Hill having been brought under the consideration of the Comee

Resolved

That the Secretary be requested to address a letter to Mr Holt, expressing the pain with which the Comee have learnt the position, in which he has placed himself with respect to Phoenix Estate; the necessity, under which they feel themselves placed, for his own sake, as well as for that of the Mission, for removing him to another sphere of labour; for which they appreciate the zeal he has shown in promoting the welfare of his Station; they are assured that his own spirituality of mind, & the efficiency of a religious Teacher must be seriously injured by his present connection with secular matters.

IX The foregoing Resolution having rendered some changes in the Mission necessary, and the Comee being of opinion that it is advisable to remove the Revd T. Lessing from Bonnam Wood

Resolved

That Mr Holt be removed to Salt Savannah: The Revd Mr Ashby to Bonnam Wood: the Revd Mr Lessing to Chichester (Knockalva) and the Revd Mr Wendelbo to Church Hill.

X In consequence of the depressed condition of the Funds of the Society it was thought expedient to suspend the Annual Grants of the [illegible] Year.

XI The Secretary was requested to prepare a report of the proceedings of the Society in this Province during the past year, with an account of Subscriptions to be presented for confirmation at the next Quarterly Meeting.

XII The Secretary was requested should he see any prospect of success when the House of Assembly meets to prepare a Petition for and on behalf of the Society, stating the extent of its operations in the Island, & praying the aid of the House

XIII The Secretary was instructed to invite Messrs Cook & Pollet to become

XIV Reference having been made to the

Resolved

That the Secretary request the Secretary [illegible] to inform the Committee of what Stores & Lamps it may be necessary for this Station to be supplied with & to forward the same by the first opportunity

XV Reference having been made to the Minute of N° [illegible] of July 3rd 1839

Resolved

That it be recorded & that the preceding Resolution become a general rule

XVI Mr Farquharson and the Secretary having reported to the Committee the very satisfactory condition of the Station at Rurutu & their unqualified approbation of the zeal of the Rev. W. Wyatt & his exertions in bringing the Building to its present state & having represented that the Building is not only substantial & far superior in every way to the other Buildings of the Society in the Island

Resolved

That in order to complete it in a suitable manner the sum of £100 be granted to the Building Sub Committee for the purpose and that they be instructed to substitute Sash windows for the intended Blinds

XVII Minute XIV of April 6th/39 was recorded and Mr Griffiths was authorised to pay the account of £60 to the order of Mr Pogue

XVIII The attention of the Committee was drawn to the inadequate size of the School House at Tiloah & the anxiety of the congregation for the enlargement of the Building and their handsome subscription for the purpose having been considered it was

Resolved

That it is expedient to enlarge the School house at Tiloah by 30 ft according to the plan suggested by Mr Farquharson & that Mr Farquharson and Tomlinson be appointed a Sub Committee to carry the same into effect

XIX Mr Farquharson was authorized to communicate to the Building Sub-Committee at Mount Vernon the sanction of the Committee to their contract with Mr Barrett for the erection of a Dwelling-House - provided the sum of £150 can be procured from local resources.

XX The Committee having received & read the annexed Letter of the Rev. W. L. Yates of the 26th inst.

Resolved

That the Committee would regard a difficulty between the married with Mr Yates as a serious misfortune to the Mission. They have every reason to be satisfied with his labors, which have hitherto proved so successful & the Institute instruct placed under his charge.

Mr Farquharson was asked to the Sub Com
appointed the Buildings to be erected on the land given to the Society by
Neil Malcolm Esq.r at Kaukalba:- the Station to be called Chichester"

XXII Mr Farquharson and the Secretary having
reported to the Comm.tee the present condition of the Station at Lord's Island and
having also reported the manner of Mr Harris' proceeding - that he was not acting as
a Catechist & School Master but as an itinerant Preacher, and that upon explanation
he declared his determination to persist & his unwillingness to conform to the rules
of the Church of England.

Resolved 1.

That his connection with the Society be dissolved & the circumstances be reported to the Lord Bishop.

Resolved 2.

XXI That in consequence of the refusal of the part of the Society the Station be abandoned and an explanation be written to George Gordon Esq.r

The Meeting was concluded with Prayer.



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[illegible] Quarterly Meeting of the
[illegible] the Society of Friends in Kingston held [illegible]

Present

Rev.d W. K. Pratt in the Chair

— W. Hylton

— J. P. Sweet

— J. King Esq.r

— J. T. Argill Esq.r Treas.r

Rev.d R. Panton &c.

General

After Prayer

V

I. The Minutes of the previous Meeting, & the Letter of T. Coates Esq.r of Nov.r 1st/39. were read.

Mr. S. Holt's connection with Phoenix Estate

II The Correspondence of the Sec.t with the Rev.d J. Stainsby & Mr. Holt respecting the connection of the latter with Phoenix Estate, & the Report of Mr. Holt for the Quarter having been read,

Resolved

That the Comm.ee are still of opinion, that it is advisable both for the welfare of the Mission, & for that of Mr. Holt himself, that he sh.d be removed to another Station:— that they cannot therefore accede to the proposal, which he makes, to prepare himself for Holy Orders at his own cost, while he continues to reside in the same neighbourhood, & maintains his connection with the Society; tho' they w.d be willing to render him facilities to study elsewhere:— that the Comm.ee at the same time feel it necessary to noticy with regret the tone & spirit manifested in Mr. Holt's letter of Dec.r 23.d/39.

Removal

Ltr of 23.d Dec.r 39.

XI

Minute V of 25.th ult.o rescinded.

III The deposition of his connection with the Soc.t by the Rev.d R. C. Gates, & the necessity for removing the W. J. Woodcock from the Station at Rio Bueno in consequence of ill health, together with [illegible] which have arisen since the last Quarterly Meeting [illegible] Minute IX of 25.th ult.o

Resolved

That the aforesaid Resolution be rescinded.

Removal

N The Case of the Rev.d J. Woodcock having undergone his consideration, Resolved that he be requested

Stations at Bletchingdon, & the
Stations at Pettiville & Ellsbury
be appointed to the charge of
Rural Hill.

Resolved 2.

That Mr. William Ashby be appointed
to succeed his Brother at Salt Savannah: Mr. Holt
to take charge of the Station at Ellsbury & Mr. Saylor to
succeed Mr. Holt at Rural Hill.

Normal School V. Mr. Saylor having been removed from the
Grove, & the Revd Mr. Potts requiring assistance in the
various duties of the Station

Resolved

That John Paxton Osborne be
placed under Mr. Potts at the Grove; & that Robert Whittle
one of the youths of the Normal School, be appointed to
succeed J. P. Osborne, & to conduct the School at Rural
Hill under the Revd W. Ashby.

Resolved

That Michael Cuff Watson, also
a youth from the Normal School be appointed to succeed
& conduct the School at Burnam Wood under the Revd J. Sefling.

VI The circumstances connected with the removal
of Miss Spies from her situation of School Mistress at Argyle
having been considered

Resolved

That her Salary be paid to the
end of the year (Quarter) & that she be appointed School Teacher
at Mr. Boyd's Station on Stewarts Run opening creek

That Mr Smith
be a married Catechist for the present

Mr Cook VIII Mr Cook having repeatedly urged on the Comtee
his request to be presented for Holy Orders

Resolved

That the Secy inform Mr Cook
Ordinations not advised. that the Comtee do not think it advisable to recommend
any of the Society's Catechists to the Bishop for Orders
at present: & that he also be informed that the Comtee
do not consider Woodford a Station requiring the
Woodford under Grove Station. Services of an Ordained Missionary; but rather as a
Branch Station under the superintendence of the Miss.
at the Grove.

Mr Harris IX The Secy having related his conversations with
connection dissolved. the Bishops respecting Mr Harris, & having read the letter of
Mr Harris of 22d Oct.; & also his correspondence with Messrs
Mc Neal & Barclay,

Resolved

That the Secy do carry into
effect the Res: contained in Minute XXII of last Meeting:
Furniture &c & that Mr Farquharson be requested kindly to attend
at Paul Island. to the interests of the Society, & to dispose of the furniture
at Paul Island.

Grant of £100 = £60 Stg X The Treasurer was authorized to pay to the Revd
to Pedro Plains H. L. Gates the sum of £100 Cy to complete the Chapel
on the Pedro Plains.

Loan of £100 = £60 Stg XI The Loan of £100 Cy was granted to the Revd
to Revd W. Forbes W. Forbes to be repaid by quarterly Instalments of £25 Cy
& the Revds Messrs Panton & Doull were requested to ascer-
tain that his Annual expenditure will not in future
exceed his Income.

January 8th

Special Meeting XII After the foregoing Resolutions were passed the
Report of the Revd H. L. Gates was received: & the Comtee having
Pedro Plains. thereby learnt his final determination to leave the Society,

Resolved

That a Special Meeting of the
Comtee be called, to consider the best means to be adopted to
supply the Stations on the 5th Feby; when other business may be
brought before the Comtee.

The Rev.d W. F. Betts having retired. His case of the Comm.e to his marriage with Miss Mary Paul, it was unanimously assented to.

Bills drawn. XIV. The Comm.e drew on D. Coates Esq.r Three Bills of £500 Sterling each, to meet the expences of the Quarter.

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At a Special Meeting of the Committee
Comm: called in accordance with Minute [illegible] last Meeting;
& held at the Society's House in Kingston on the 8th Feb: 1840.—

Present

Revd W. K. Betts in the Chair.—
— C. F. Hall
— W. Hylton
S. J. Orgill Esq: Treasurer.
Revd R. Panton Secretary.—

The special business for which the Meeting was called having been brought before the Committee, & the present situation of the Station on the Pedro Plains, as well as of the Mission generally, having been fully considered, it was

Resolved

That the Revd W. K. Betts be appointed, with the consent of the Bishop, to the charge of the Station on the Pedro Plains, with Mr Paul to conduct the School under his superintendence: that Mr Manning be requested to take charge of the Normal School, & the Station at the Grove, as a temporary arrangement, under the superintendence of the Revd R. Panton, who is requested to officiate with the Licence of the Bishop, at the Hope Chapel until other arrangements be made.

The Secretary was desired to take the necessary steps for the removal of Mr & Mrs Paul from Barberry Hall to the Station on the Plains.

The Secretary was instructed to say to Mr Holt, in answer to his question, respecting the facilities for reading, which he would have at his new Station, that — at Ellis-tree the Pastoral charge of the Congregation would be in the hands of the Revd Mr Woodcock, & consequently he would have more time for reading than he has had at Church Hill — that he might make an arrangement with Mr Woodcock to afford him assistance: — & that he would be supplied with such books as he might require.

The necessity of supplying the School at Argyle Pen with a Teacher in the place of Mrs Spier, having been considered

Resolved.

That Mr Foreman be removed from Gibraltar to Argyle Pen; & that the School at Gibraltar be given up.

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The Secretary was instructed to sell the House & other property belonging to the Society in the pos. of Mr. Golding at his death: & to place the proceeds to the funds of the Treasurer.

Prayer.

Adjourned.

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At a Provisional Meeting of the Corr: Comtee called by the Secretary in Spanish Town on Feb.y 21st. 1840.

Present

Revd. C. F. Hall in the Chair
Revd. W. Hylton
John King Esq.r
S. T. Orgill Esq.r Treasurer
Revd. R. Panton Secretary.

Prayer

The question, whether the Rule of the Parent Comtee which permits Missionaries from certain Missions to visit Europe at the termination of every Six years be applicable to Jamaica, having been mooted

Resolved

That this Comtee not having received this Rule from the Parent Comtee for their guidance, cannot sanction its being acted on until instructions on the subject be received from home:— & that in the present state of the Mission as Missionary, whose health does not render it absolutely necessary, can be spared from the Island.

That the Revd. R. Panton be requested, as Superintendant of the Normal School, to put Mr. Manning in charge of that School, as soon as he shall deem it advisable, after communicating with Mr. Watts.

C. W/O 1b

Rec. Jan 29/38

A meeting was held this day 31 March 1835, at the house of W.B. Pollard Esqr. for the purpose of forming a committee of Correspondence with the Church Missionary Society.

Revd L. Strong in the Chair

The meeting was opened by Revd B.J. Williams with prayer.

The Chairman briefly laid before the meeting the operations of the Church Missionary Society in this Colony for the last four years, and it appearing that the joint labours of the Revds Armstrong & Gent at the Mission Station at Barbica Point had been so far blest as to induce many Indians to settle around them for the purpose of hearing the word of God there affording to themselves as well as to their children the advantage of religious instruction, the Revd Chairman stated it to be the desire of those present to form a committee to cooperate with the Church Missionary Society, and to give their countenance and protection to the Missionaries sent out by them, and that it be designated The British Guiana Committee of Correspondence.

The following Gentlemen with power to add to their number constitute the Committee;

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| Revd L. Strong | J.L. Smith Jr. | W.B. Pollard | E.I. Troughton Jr. |
| Revd B.J. Williams | E. McL. Smith | Wm Roberts | Revd N. Troughton |
| Revd J.H. Duke | W.A. Parker | John Ribbe | |

} Esqrs

Mr. Thos N. Troughton was requested to act as Secretary & Treasurer.

Mr. Jones, having been called upon by the Revd. Chairman, entered into an explicit and interesting detail of his proceedings; and having mentioned to the Meeting his future plans, it was at once moved by J. L. Smith Esqre, with a view by the blessing of God to carry them into effect, seconded by W. A. Parker Esqre and passed unanimously

1 That a subscription be now opened for the encouragement of Indians to settle at the Barbican Mission Station, and for defraying the expenses incurred on that account.

2. Moved by Revd B. T. Williams and seconded by Jas Gibbs Esqre that the Committee do meet once every quarter, the day to be appointed by the Secretary.

3 Moved by Revd J. H. Duke and seconded by W. B. Pollard Esqre that the chairman be requested to communicate to the Church Missionary Society, concerning the formation of the present Committee, transmitting at the same time a copy of the minutes of their proceedings this day.

After the singing of some hymns to be by three young Indians pupils of Mr. Jones, Revd. J. Stung engaged in prayer, and the meeting separated.-

The annexed is the list of subscribers

this day

| | Donat. | | | Subs. | | |
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| Rev. S. Strong | 66 | " | " | | | |
| Rev. B. F. Williams | 44 | " | " | | | |
| Rev. I. H. Duke | 44 | " | " | | | |
| William Roberts | 44 | " | " | | | |
| I. L. Smith Jr. | 110 | " | " | | | |
| Wm B. Pollard | 110 | " | " | 66 | " | " |
| W. A. Parker | 44 | " | " | | | |
| Ellis I. Houghton Jr. | | | | 44 | " | " |
| John Gibbs | | | | 22 | " | " |
| George W. Wells | 44 | " | " | | | |
| Edw.d Roberts | 22 | " | " | | | |
| Thomas N. Houghton | | | | 44 | " | " |

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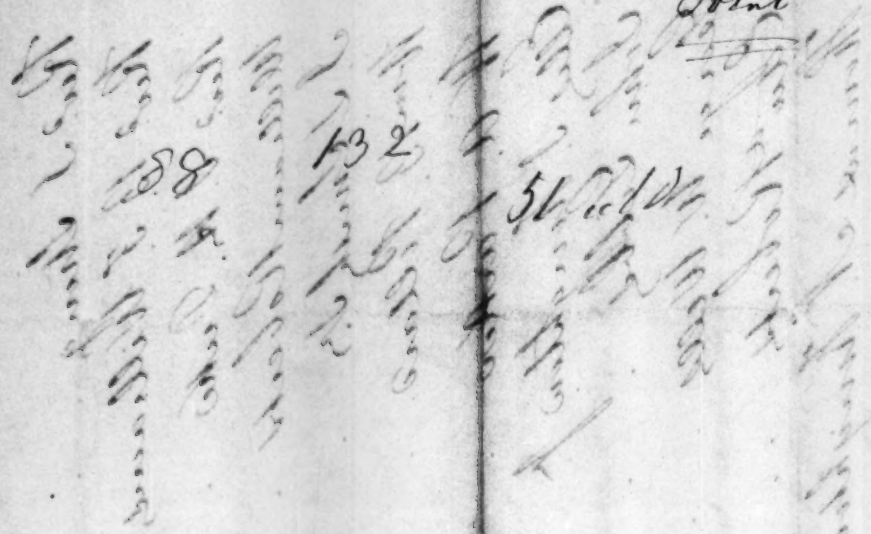

2 Rec'd Dec: 31/35

At a meeting of the Committee of Correspondence held at the Residence of Wm Roberts Esqr. After prayers the Revd L. Strong being in the Chair, laid before the Committee several letters he had recently received from the Secr: Church Miss: Society London enclosing the following resolutions passed by the Committee Augt 4th & 11th 1835 & the subjoined extracts of a letter dated 14th Augt 1835

Resolved 1 That the respectful acknowledgments of the Comtee be presented to His Excellency Sir J. Carmichael Smyth Bart for the additional grant of lands at Bartica Point in furtherance of the Societys Mission to the Indians.

2 That the thanks of the Comtee be presented to the Individuals who have kindly formed themselves into a Corr. Comtee in furtherance of the Societys objects in British Guiana

3 That Mr Strong be authorized to engage the services of Messrs Doyle & Spooner as proposed by him.

1 That the Corr: Comtee be authorized to repay Mr Youd the cost of the house erected by him on the Societys land at Bartica Point on condition of its becoming the property of the Society

2 That the purchase of a small Schooner and of a Corial for the use of the Missionaries as proposed by Mr Strong be sanctioned. –

"We may add for your guidance on future occasions that verbal communications on important questions should not be admitted as the ground of your proceedings. If the Corr: Comtee have not received official instructions in any matter of emergency it will be competent to them to act in reference to it as they judge best; but they must never assume a verbal communication as expressing the judgment of our Committee".

"Mr Carter's Salary the Committee will very cheerfully pay entertaining a high opinion both of him and his services"

"It will be for the Corr: Comtee to say whether £300 — per annum be a proper sum to assign to Mr & Mrs Armstrong for their Salary & £200 — to Mr Good. It is the wish of the Committee that the Salary should be sufficient for the due supply of their wants with that regard to economy by which the whole of our expenditure should be regulated. As the Corresp: Comtee are necessarily best informed on points of this nature the Committee would be guided in reference to them by their judgment."

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The Committee of Correspondence having taken into consideration the above resolutions and extracts cheerfully accept of the office and duties of a corresponding Committee.

Resolved that the sum of £370.. .. Stg be allowed for the erection of Mr Armstrongs residence, this arrangement having been already made by Mr Strong.-

Resolved that in accordance with the instructions from the Comtee of the Ch: Miss.y Soc.y £100 .. .. Stg be granted to Mr Gould for the expenses incurred by him in the building of his dwelling house, this day taken over by the Comtee of Hobart for the Society at home.

That in consideration of Mr & Mrs Armstrongs joint labours the sum of £200 .. Stg p ann: be assigned as their joint Salary, and that the sum of £200 .. Stg p ann: be allowed to Mr Gould as his fixed Salary - and that these sums are to include all expenses of Servants &c with the exception of those connected with travelling on account of the Mission.

That a copy of the foregoing resolutions be transmitted to Messrs Armstrong & Gould.

Mr Strong having previously corresponded with Mr Armstrong Hurst resolved that the letters from the latter to the former be laid before the Comtee of Corresp.ce.

Mr Strong having submitted an application from Mr Yonge that a Salary of £55 .. .. St Jean: be granted to his Nephew as an Assistant Teacher. and also for permission to be given him to build a school to cost £13. .— the Comtee having taken into consideration the same Consent to refer the application to the Home Comtee for further direction.

After prayer the meeting was adjourned to the 19th inst. —.

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A meeting of the Corresponding Committee was held this day 19th Oct. 1835 at the residence of Mr Robert Esq. Prayer being offered. A letter from Mr Armstrong was laid before the Committee bearing date Barbice 13th Oct. requiring a Bill for £75. .. .. St. for the Quarters Salary ending 31. Dec. £4. for a Keel put to the large Corial. £22 for the Carpenters shop. £6 for expenses incurred in enclosing kitchen for a sleeping House for Indian Boys. £22 for a Tent to Corial and also for the expenses of erecting a Water Closet. It was resolved that the following items be allowed £75. .. ..

Keel £4. Carpt Shop £22. Encld Kitchen £6. Tent £22 = £136.

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but that with regard to the erection of a Water Closet the Committee are of opinion that £370. .— St granted for Mr Armstrongs residence

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should include every necessary domestic arrangements

The Committee having noticed in the last paragraph of Mr. Armstrong's letter an expression of dissatisfaction as follows "since they wish to know every particular lest we should not act uprightly we shall in future give the Bills of Parcels and specify particulars" beg leave to remark that the observation is highly unbecoming as Mr. Armstrong ought to be well aware that it is the duty of the Corresponding Committee to enquire into every item and to curtail as much as possible the outlay of this expensive mission.

The Secretary is requested to communicate the above observation with the resolution preceding it to Mr. Armstrong.

Mr. Armstrong having expressed to Mr. Thos Knighton, his as well as Mr. Jones's dissatisfaction with Mr Strong's correspondence of late It was resolved

That the Secretary request Messrs Armstrong & Jones to be good enough to favour the Comee of Corr. with copies of Mr. Strong's letters during the last four months; and also to state to Messrs A & J that it was the wish of the Comee that previous to their incurring any expense in future their sanction should be obtained.

The Revd S. Strong informed the Comee that he had drawn £100. stg in Mr. Jones favour agreeable to the resolution passed at the last meeting.

Resolved that it is desirable that as many of the Committee as are able should proceed to Bartica Point as soon as circumstances will admit.

After prayer the meeting was dissolved. —

Demerara, no date, X Oct. 1935

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British Guiana Corr.
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C.O. 116/26

Rec'd Oct. 13/36 at
This day 24th Nov. 1835 — a meeting of the Corresponding Committee, to take
into consideration the subjoined Contents of Letters received from
Armstrong and Lord dated Barbice 8th 20th & 23d Nov. was held at
the residence of W Robertson Esqre

An application for (110
for Cassada Ground for
Supplying Indians

} The Committee having considered the Application do not see the
necessity of any further Expenditure for the planting of
Cassada, particularly at a large sum as that subscribed
for a similar purpose.

Have commenced building
a school Room

} In reference to this subject the Committee direct the attention of
Messrs A & J to a minute of a resolution forwarded them
dated 19th Oct. "that previous to their incurring any
expense in future the Sanction of the Committee shall be obtained"

Mr A. wishes to enclose one
part under his House for a store
and other part the Stone frame,
Sealantin & doors are to be painted

} The Committee cannot extend upon the sum already assigned
for the completion of Mr A's dwelling House, but they con-
sider that the Stone frame Sealantin & doors should be
painted at the Expense of the Mission and therefore request
Mr A. to procure that which is necessary.

Messrs A & J. request that they
may receive their Salaries with-
out being detained on their
arrival in Town.

} For this purpose it will be necessary that Messrs A & J.
should have Stated days to receive their
Salaries.

They decline giving a copy of
Mr Strongs letter considering
them of a private nature

} With reference to this statement the Committee are of opinion
that the letters were not of a private nature. They
beg to remind Messrs A & J that all communications
received by them from the Committee should be carefully
preserved.

An application for the sum of
£88 to put up a house for
Mr Aryce

} The Committee grant this sum very unwillingly as they
are of opinion that this house, in the first instance,
should not have been erected before the site had
been well considered.

In conclusion the

Committee request that any letters they may transmit on the subject of the Mission, should be addressed to the Secretary whose answers and instructions the person in charge of the boat will be directed to await.

The Meeting was opened and was closed after prayer.

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A Meeting of the Cove Comee was held this day 17th Decr 1835 at the house of Wm Robert Esqr pursuant to appointment.

The Deputation having returned from Bartica Point and laid before the Comee their report of the Mission recommending that a new chapel be erected at the Grove in preference to its present situation,

It was unanimously resolved that a new place of worship should be built there accordingly: The Comee came to this resolution 1st Because the present chapel is incapable of sheltering the Congregation & 2dly because its present site is at too great a distance from the Settlement and upon a hill which has proved to be barren, a circumstance which necessarily precludes the possibility of Indians locating there.

Resolved that advertisement be inserted in the Newspapers to receive tenders for erecting a chapel at the Grove.

A letter from Mr. Armstrong dated 7th Decr begging the Committee to reconsider the resolution, passed by them at their last meeting (when they declined to allow £110 for clearing and planting land for

the purpose of supplying the Indians with Canada who live upon the station, and for others who will probably settle around them) and taking into consideration by the Comee, who see no reason for departing from their previous resolution, as it is not the design of the parent Society to supply the Indians with provisions

Resolved that application be made to the Governor for a license for Mr Doyle one of the Society's Missionaries as Schoolmaster and Teacher to the Indians, but that they cannot make a similar application for Mr W. Armstrong as he is not in the employ of the Society -

The Secretary was requested to forward a copy of the above minute and resolution and to inform Mr A with reference to the last paragraph of his letter, that no application from him to the Governor for the license of a School master in connection with this Mission will be sanctioned by the Committee -

The Secretary was also directed to state in his letter that Reboat when sent down on the subject of the Mission must be under the absolute control of the Committee from the time of his arriving in town. —

Resolved that the Secretary do write to the Board of Management of Upper Institutions stating that Mr Cartwright services will soon be required for the purpose of this Mission - the School House in St Mathews being almost ready for his reception -

Charles Houghton Esq. was unanimously elected a member of the Executive Committee.

The meeting was then opened and closed with prayer.

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Demerara, Nov. 17, Dec. 17. 1835.

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Rec'd Nov 19/36

George Town, Demerara.
January 15th 1836

To the Committee of the Church
Missionary Society, London.—

Gentlemen,

We the undersigned members of your Corresponding Committee in British Guiana beg leave to forward for your perusal the accompanying communication from Mr Armstrong, just received with the following remarks explanatory and in refutation of the Objections and charges therein contained.

In reference to paragraph the first, you will recollect that it was not until after we had visited the Station and diligently enquired into its localities that the erection of the Chapel at the Grove came into our minds, the reasons for which are fully stated in the documents you have ere this received. It is true none of us have visited the Mazaroony, but the reason why Mr Strong when he accompanied Mr Armstrong up on his arrival for the purpose of inspection, did not visit that arm of the river was that there were no people or very few for him to see, whereas in the Essequibo there are several villages of people as your committee may perceive by the report of that inspection. as to the Arrawack Indians mentioned as living opposite, they are so distant down the river as to render it almost immaterial whether they travel to the Grove or Bartica.

It is not however merely on account of all the located Indians and the chief portion of the congregation coming from the Essequibo side, but from its height and perpendicular ascent, being accessible, only by steps cut in the side of the hill, that we deem it so objectionable.

What astonishes us much is Mr Armstrong coupling himself with Mr Youd, in this opinion concerning the position of the Chapel. Mr Youd, who when he was England abandoned the place as ineligible nay as untenable for those who would reside and live of the Soil; had Mr A. never returned of course the Chapel would have been built at the Grove, there being truly no comparison between them

as to suitability. Mr Gould practically as well as verbally differs from Mr S. in this matter. The greatest portion of the congregation assembling at the Grove every Sabbath morning previous to their advance to Bartica —

The reason we put in the advertisement without consulting the Missionaries was this. 1st We never thought of moving the Chapel until the deputation who visited Bartica proposed it, and they never thought of so doing until they had left the Shore and proceeded two miles on their journey home. and what was remarkable the Capt" of the boat an old inhabitant of the river immediately declared how much better it would be for the people.

2dly The erection of the Chapel was so urgent and communication with Bartica so precarious as well as tedious that we could not admit the delay 3dly We did not conceive it a necessary step to be taken, Mr S. would of course oppose it, Mr G. in his heart desire it, the cause of the Society required it certainly and therefore we considered it best to consult the convenience of the population and Indians as also the funds of the Society without throwing a bone of contention between the Missionaries, but we afterwards decided on awaiting your sanction or orders for building at all ~~then expressly~~ agreed to abide your decision concerning the site it shall occupy.

Again, the objection to removal on account of its being the place intended by the Parent Committee as a permanent station and recommended by Mr Strong, appears invalid. Is it not all One Station? Does not the Society's land all lie together? Are not the Indians located on the Grove already? Does it not all make one lot of ground in the juncture of the Mahaicony and Abequibo? and what is Bartica? but a portion of that Land particularly barren and most difficult of access!

It was selected entirely by Mr S. who had built the Chapel and inhabited the hill twelve months before Mr Strong ever saw the place. It is a beautiful situation and a sudden arrival there from the low flats of Demerara does excite the feelings and refresh the natural mind. Mr Strong was loath, during Mr S. absence to sanction Mr Goulds removal notwithstanding all his arguments adduced in favour of its abandonment, and had he possessed any power would have opposed it, but now he is with us fully aware of Mr Goulds right judgement in the matter and has moreover received your society's approval of Mr Goulds actions. —

As to the remark that divine service has hitherto been performed at Bartica, We can only state, some of us from experience that saving the morning service at Bartica every Sabbath, the principal place for worship and hearing the gospel of Christ is the Grove. Every Morning and evening, every Sabbath evening. So that if either place is consecrated more than the other, from the publication of the word, prayer, praise and godliness, there is no comparison between the Grove and Bartica.

When the deputation visited the station, as well as when Messrs Hall and Pollard accompanied Mr A. to Batica, the only Gospel work appeared on the Grove, at which place neither Mr and Mrs A. ever assemble with the people, and while the Grove certainly does exhibit a scene of missionary work, Mr A. is aloof at Batica with a few Indian boys, who before he came out were employed as monitors in the Grove school.

The second paragraph has been written thro' his ignorance of our design in the first formation of our committee, which was to supply the indians then locating, with provisions for one year and no more, best not to allow any others to settle unless they sent six men to plant their own fields in preparation; the year is out, the fields of the first settlers are ripe, if any more wish to come let them plant, there is plenty of ground, yet if your committee determine on always feeding those Indians that will remain about the station for allowance, of course it must be done; and here we remark that since the deputation left Batica, Mr A. has located between 20 and 30 indians on the Hill allowancing them with beef and Molasses besides fish, this is expensive and never has hitherto been the practice of Mr Gould. 12 of these Indians are from the Grove of the first settlers and have their fields at the Grove.

The application for £7 or 8 sterling to plant fields of Cassava and which was rejected, was not for new settlers but the old ones and as the Cassava is not ripe for 8 or 9 months could not be for immediate use, surely then the Indians might plant these fields for their own eyelusive consumption without pay! Mr Armstrong's ignorance and mistake in this matter is quite excusable he being in England when are first formed and never perhaps has had the matter unfolded to him.

With reference to the third paragraph, receive an explanation concerning his application for a "Necessary." Among other applications for money to defray the expenses of Carpenter's shop, Kitchen, tent and keel for the large Canoe, was one for a Watercloset: Now according to the rate of exchange when Mr Strong contracted for the house £300 sterling would have nearly covered the expence of its erection, but expecting other requisitions we awarded £375 for the house expenses. When the petition for a water closet came before us, it was considered a convenience the Society need not be burthened with, a common necessary being sufficient; upon Mr Strong suggestion that Mr A possessed such an apparatus and only required a house to place it in, the answer was, that the committee had fully provided for this and other contingencies in the money awarded for the house, and when the deputation were at Batica, upon conferring with Mr A. it was found to be as Mr Strong supposed, the necessary house was sanctioned and the very spot for its erection pointed out by Mr A. So that this charge against us is altogether unfounded——

With regard to the accusation against Mr Strong for allowing Batica to go to ruin, while the Society's acknowledged agent that Gentleman begs leave to state that he never assumed any controlling authority in the Mission, until entreated so to do by documents received at Mr Armstrong's arrival, that Mr Gould never consulted with him, neither did he interfere with Mr G. at all. That Gentleman states that in an early stage of the Mission he had hazarded a reproof in a monitory letter to Mr Armstrong when he observed him acting decidedly wrong, but received so abusive a reply he has not attempted it since.

With regard to the refusal of a store under the house, your committee will remember how astonished you were at the probable expence of the house and enjoined on us the strictest

economy. Mr Stong had built a house for his Brother the Revd B. T. Shillitoe dimensions 28 feet by 20. two stories raised 8 feet from the ground, he offered such an one to Mr A. when he refused and demanded one no less than 36 feet by 20 with a gallery. Mr Stong fell in with a frame for sale 40 feet by 20 two stories and desirous of pleasing Mr Armstrong bought it and agreed with a builder to erect and complete the same. The house was to be built on 3 feet blocks furnished by the builder. Mr A. agreed to furnish 3 feet queen heart pillars out of timber he had left when he sailed for England, the Carpenter agreed for the same expense to build on them. 40 feet by 20 is the area of the lower story, there is a stone room partitioned off in it, being fearful of accumulating expenses, knowing that Mr A if he seriously considered the sacred nature of every guilder he expended from the Society's funds could easily ~~[illegible]~~ at a very slight expense ~~[illegible]~~ as Mr Stong had done put up such a thing for himself when the Carpenter was dismissed we rejected this petition believing ourselves to be at the same time acting in accordance with the Society's wishes and for her welfare

* a hard wood of this Colony.

In answering his assertion about his garden and Carpenters shop we must include that Mr A. he has made in the first paragraph respecting our motive for transferring the Chapel to the Grove.

He has "heard it". "he understands". "he believes it." with regard to the first we can only refer you to the reasons stated, and declare as Christians they are our only reasons for recommending the removal of the Chapel. As to that of the garden and Shop the individuals who made the remarks are alone answerable for them. The Committee sanctioned the expense of the Shop immediately, and as to the garden since no charge has been made it has not come under the cognizance of the Committee till now. Again. do we doom him to penury? We have awarded him a salary beyond that of any Methodist, Missionary in the London in the Colony! Can a man with £200 Sterling per annum, with 5 head of breeding cattle, a house superior to any in the river and many gentlemen's houses in the country who has several indian boys supported to wait on him, all his travelling expences paid, no company to keep. Who can afford to lay out nearly £50 sterling in destroying the ants and railing in his garden, can such a man be placed in penury? Indeed his garden would have better flourished upon £50 outlay had he taken warning by his former failure and selected a more fruitful soil of which there is abundance on the Society's land.

Your Committee may remember Mr A. petitioning them for money to expend in planting up Bartica Hill 3 years since, declaring the expence once incurred would in future years reimburse itself, and the ground then cultivated would much assist in supporting the Mission. So he thought and hoped. but not so did he reap. every plant failed, not a bunch of plantains was produced, some Gentlemen hearing of the experiment at the time declared as much and experience has confirmed their predictions.

Since we assumed the Office of your corresponding committee it has been our sincere endeavour to act in accordance with the principles and orders of the parent Society. If in our resolutions there does appear any thing too peremptory, such a line of conduct was forced upon us in order to take the reins of finance which had been thrown as it were upon the neck of the Missionaries into our own hands. They had been accustomed to have all they asked for, to purchase what they would, and bring in the account to Mr Stong for his sanction, if he inquired into the

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expences or warned them to economize Mr S. was highly offended!
We had received a strong caution in your instructions concerning expence, and been informed, excepting a case of great emergency, no one had power to order any extra outlay but your committee. Desiring to conform with this injunction, after having at your desire awarded their separate Salaries, their travelling expences, allowance for Indian boys &c. we passed this resolution that they might regulate themselves accordingly, "namely" that application "should be made to our committee before they purchased any thing further "at the charge of the Society." Was this unreasonable? was it not in strict accordance with your commands? Yet it produced from Mr S. this reply or to this effect. "That since the committee doubted their integrity they "should in future send them up all bills of parcels." which as it was not only an unwarrantable inference from our rule but a direct refusal to comply, the committee declared in one of their resolutions to be "highly unbecoming." Our situation has been very unpleasant. In the first place it is purely secular tho' most necessary, had the Missionaries rightly considered the sacred nature of those funds from which all their expences are supplied and acted in concert with the committee in endeavouring to relieve your society as much as possible it might have been a pleasant one, but not so, refusing to obey our resolution they always purchase what they will sending in the bills of parcels to us for payment. If a dead Indian is to be buried, a little rice given to the sick, a dose of salts administered it all goes to the account of the Society. Two new oars were purchased for the schooner when she was sent up at first to Mr S. he broke them both, besides staving in the Schooners hatches and otherwise injuring her a few weeks after in transporting a bull and some cows from an estate in Essequibo, to replace this the Society must suffer.

There is one more article at the close of Mr S. letter to which we must refer in explanation. ie his finding fault with the expression "Absolute controll of the Committee" in reference to the Schooner. The following circumstance was the cause of this.

The morning Mr William S. with Mr Doyce arrived at Mr Strong's door with a letter from Mr S. to the committee requesting some additions to his house, the letter required an immediate answer, besides which some boxes had arrived from London for Barbica and by mistake were at Mr Strong's house. Mr S. being from home, he was requested to wait but replied no. he was asked to wait till Mr Williams who lived next door had seen the letter, but he walked back to Town saying he should wait for no one but sail for Essequibo in the morning. Anxious that their boxes should go and the letter be answered, the former were dispatched by a boat to town and Mr Williams rode in early the next morning, and seeing Mr W. S. begged him to remain a few hours until the committee could meet & answer his Brother's letter as also till the boxes reached town. His only reply was "if your letter is ready "I'll take it, if not I won't wait." Mr Doyce being appealed to said "it "is no use, he would not wait a moment for me and would make "nothing of leaving me behind." The committee sat immediately answered the letter, the boxes arrived, but the boat was gone. The young man gave no reason for his hurry, two hours was all the difference, "he'd wait was all his reply." and moreover that very

evening at sunset the boat was observed in the river alongside the ship Marquis of Chandos. Now the committee all along understood that the boat came express to them with a letter requiring an answer. The young man did not treat any one with common civility, he did not condescend to explain his great haste, therefore the committee framed this resolution that whenever the boat came to them express she was to be under their absolute controul at the time, that the Society's business might not be hindered (as was manifestly the case here) (your dispatches & boxes from England as well as our answer being unreasonably detained many days) and if her detention caused increased expence they would defray the same.

Thus have we Gentlemen gone through most if not all the accusations laid against us by Mr Armstrong's letter, in explanation, with which your Committee should not have been troubled had we not supposed Mr Armstrong to have transmitted a copy of the same home, and did we not feel ourselves bound to shew cause for the resignation of the trust reposed in us.

it is with grief of heart that we have written, whether our explanations will appear satisfactory to all your members we cannot tell. Mr A. numerous charges against us personally as Christians require no remark from us.

We took up this office (God knows) with a sincere desire to forward the cause of Christ, we soon discovered our interference would not be brooked, still we determined to persevere if possible to benefit the Mission. Some of our members visited the station and endeavoured to effect a revival of the school by uniting the Missionaries and restoring the monitors Mr A. had removed; but alas without the Spirit of love for souls and zeal for the Glory of God, what gospel work can go forward. Mr Youd has been a laborious servant and had every thing in excellent training when Mr A. arrived; since then every nerve seems unstrung. Mr Doyce is a self denying devoted man and needs encouragement. Mr Armstrong's house is nearly finished upon which we shall draw on your Society for the payment in separate bills, one for the frame the other for the builder. The building of the Chapel lays over for your commands, the timber for it is already paid for and on the spot. 11.000 shingles paid for on the Chapel account have been used for Mr A.'s house and must be reckoned for in the payment. besides the Missionaries salaries, bills have been drawn for the last quarter's expences ending Dec.r 31st to the amount of £164 — May God in Christ from whom all our Springs do flow yet pour out his abundant blessing on the Mission, planting into the true vine hundreds of indian branches that may flourish and bring forth fruit to his glory this out all ages. with this prayer, in which Gentlemen we are sure you will join us, we now lay down our office as your Committee in British Guiana, being fully persuaded that no persons can conscientiously or satisfactorily exercise the office while Mr Armstrong (unless the Lord change his heart) be Missionary at Bartica —

Your faithful Brethren in Christ

William H. Parker
Rav. Houghton
Leonard Strong
B. J. Williams
Thomas N. Troughton
Wm Robert Smith

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15th January 1836

A letter from Mr Armstrong dated the 5th Inst. was received and read, when after deliberation it was resolved that the letter be forwarded to the Parent Committee with a letter from the members of the Corresponding Committee tendering their resignation.

At a Meeting of the following Gentlemen held this 9th May 1836 at the house of J. L. Smith Esq.

Present

Revd Leond Strong Chairman
Revd B. T. Williams
J. L. Smith LLD
Jno Roberts Esq.
Chas Houghton Esq.

The Revd Leonard Strong opened the meeting with prayer.

The Revd Leond Strong then stated to the Gentlemen present that he had requested their attendance this day in consequence of 2 letters which he had received from the Parent Committee, the first dated 11th March inclosing resolutions of the Committee dated 23d Febuary and the other dated 21st of March requesting the Corresponding Committee to resume their duties in superintending and directing the affairs of the Mission, after the reading of which it was unanimously Resolved!

1st That the Gentlemen present should reform themselves into a corresponding Committee and resume their duties as before

2d That Mr Chas Houghton be requested to act as Secretary upon the motion of the Revd Leond Strong seconded by J. L. Smith Esq.

3d That in compliance with the request of the parent Committee as contained in their 4th resolution dated 23d of Febuary. the Salaries of their Missionaries should be fixed as under in Dem'y Curr.y

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| Mr Armstrong | £200 | per Annum |
| Mr Gould | £2.800 | " |
| Mr Carter | £1.800 | |
| Mr Spooner | £1.800 | |
| Mr Doyle | £1.400 | |

and that the above should commence from 1st of April 1836. and the Secretary was requested

to apprise the parties of the same
The Revd B. T. Williams concluded with prayer to almighty God —

Chas Houghton Secretary

Leonard Story Chairman

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At a meeting of the following Gentlemen held this 9th May 1836 at the house of J. L. Smith Esq.

Present.

Revd L. Strong — Chairman —
Revd B. T. Williams
J. L. Smith Esq
W Robarts Esq
& Chas. Houghton

The Revd L. Strong opened the Meeting with Prayer. —
The Revd L. Strong then stated to the Gentlemen present that he had requested their attendance this day in consequence of 2 Letters which he had received from the Parent Committee, the first dated 14 March inclosing resolutions of the Committee dated 23rd Febuary, and the other dated 21 March requesting the corresponding Committee to resume their duties in superintending and directing the affairs of the Mission, after the reading of which it was unanimously

Resolved 1st — That the Gentlemen present should reform themselves into a corresponding Committee & resume their duties as before. —

Resolved. 2 — That Mr Chas Houghton be requested to act as Secretary; upon the motion of Revd L. Strong seconded by J. L. Smith Esq. —

Resolved. 3. That in compliance with the request of the Parent Committee as contained in the 4th Resolution of their Letter dated 23rd Febuary; the Salaries of their Missionaries should be as under in Sy. Cy.

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| Mr Armstrong | £ 4.200 | ₹ annum |
| Mr Yoard — | £ 2.800 | — " — |
| Mr Carter — | £ 1.800 | — " — |
| Mr Spooner — | £ 1.800 | — " — |
| Mr Doyce — | £ 1.400 | — " — |

and that the above should commence from 1st April 1836. and the Secretary was requested to apprise the Parties of the same. The Revd B. T. Williams concluded in Prayer & Almighty God.

Chas Houghton Secty

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At a Meeting of the Corresponding Committee held this 9th June 1836 at the Infant School House.

Present.

Revd Leond Strong
" B. T. Williams
J. L. Smith Esq.
Chas Houghton Esq.
Jno B. Pollard

The Revd Mr Williams engaged in prayer.

Mr Houghton having requested to be relieved of his Secretaryship Mr Pollard was appointed in his place.

The Revd L. Strong stated that he had drawn a Bill on the Parent Society for Mr Carter's Salary to 1st April last which was approved.

A letter from Mr Armstrong dated 15th May was read relative to the payment of an order drawn in his favor by Mr Loucke the Carpenter for £33.18.; it was then recommended that before any order could be accepted, that Mr Loucke send up a Copy of his Contract with the Committee and that the Secretary be authorized to communicate with him. Mr Armstrong having submitted a proposition that the expense of enclosing 50 square yards for a Garden amtg to £30 should be refunded to him in case of his leaving the station. The Committee were of opinion that it was better to meet his wishes.

Another letter of 19th May 1835 from Mr Armstrong was read in which he stated that to his resolution of not acting under the superintendence of the Corresponding Committee he would strictly adhere, yet not wishing that it should bind him in such a way as would be prejudicial to the interests of the Mission, he proposed to act for the period of Mr Goodis absence in Barbadoes, as teacher to the people at Bantica, under the direction of the Committee" to which proposition the Committee acceded, and a copy of this & the preceding resolutions

was ordered to be sent to him by the Secretary

Mr. James Bradford having furnished 22.570 Shingles £3.3/6 17.2
in part of which he has been paid 3.20
leaving due 13.99.2

it was ordered that payment of the above sum be made to him by the treasurer.

The Revd L Young reported that in consequence of Mr Goods departure for Barbadoes he had drawn a Bill for £46. for which Mr G was to account.

The Revd gent. then concluded with prayer to Almighty God.

(Signed) W B Pollard
Secty

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At a meeting of the Corresponding Committee, held at the Infant School House this 8 day of July 1835

Present.

Revd B. T. Williams — Chairman,

Chas Houghton
T. N. Houghton } Esqrs and
W B. Pollard.

After prayers the minutes of the former meeting were read and approved.

The Secretary stated the Salaries to the 30th June of the several missionaries having become due this meeting was called for the purpose of sanctioning Bills being drawn upon the Parent Society for the liquidation of the same. That he had received a letter from Armstrong requesting that the payment which would be made to him on the 30th might be forestalled, as he was much in want of provisions that a Bill had in consequence been drawn for £117. to cover 1/4 his Salary for 3 Mos. @ £200 pann. . 1050 — — —
and the general expenditure of provisions for Indians & 4th May. Provisions, for Boys and Travelling clothing do do &c amtd (by letter) . . . 346 — —
1396 — —

which was approved, and a Bill for £92. was ordered to be drawn to pay Mr. Carter ¼ Salary . . . 450 n-n
Mr. Spoone ¼ do . . . 450 n-n
Mr. Doyce ¼ do . . . 350 n-n
£1250 n-n

The Revd. Mr. Williams then engaged in prayer and the meeting broke up.
(Signed) W B Pollard. Secty

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At a Meeting of the corresponding Committee held at the house of W.B. Pollard 22 August 1836

Present

Revd B. T. Williams
Revd L Stong
J. L. Smith Esq
Chas Houghton Esq
J N. Houghton Esq
& W B Pollard Treas & Secty.

Revd Mr. Williams having been called to the Chair opened the Meeting with Prayer

The Minutes of the last meeting having been read some conversation ensued relative to the £346. charged by Mr. Armstrong for travelling expenses &c and it was the opinion of the Meeting that under the circumstances of the case it was better to pay the £346. but in future all expenses of that kind must be sent in detail, and the missionaries are requested to be as economical as possible. The Secretary laid over an a/c from Mr. B. Spoone for Boat Expenses sent in detail and amt. to £152 which the Committee consider reasonable and payment of the same is authorized upon the authority of the letter from the Parent Society dated 30 June 1836 now before the meeting. Mr. Strong mentioned to the meeting that Mr Carter labours extending from St Sucess to St Francisship, and it being too far for him to walk in his present

P.S. Take

state of health, he begged to propose that a house should be purchased for him; that he could now obtain a suitable one for 15 joes, and the expense of grooming &c would be £3. 5 week; that it would be necessary to have a slight shed erected for a stable; and that Mr C was at present suffering great inconvenience for want of a Privy - all of which having been taken into consideration by the Board it was resolved:—

1st — That the expense of the house including the purchase should be borne by the Society. _____

2nd — That the Stable & Privy should also be erected at their expense provided that the amount be refunded to the Society whenever Mr Carlin or any other missionary connected with the Society was removed from the Craig— (Nullified & reconsidered on)

Mr Strong having in compliance with the request made to him by the Co Committee communicated to the Bishop of Barbadoes the contents of the Society's letter dated 11th March 1836 relative to Mr Armstrong, now laid over the answer from his Lordship dated 9th July 1836 - in which he states "Mr Armstrong has appealed to me, and I have by this mail boat expressed my readiness to afford him an opportunity by a personal interview of vindicating himself from the imputations which have been thrown upon him and have been made an obstacle to his presenting himself at the ensuing Ordination for Holy Orders" and mentioned that soon after, Mr Armstrong left for Barbadoes without any communication to the Corresp^g Committee save only a few lines addressed the evening previous to his embarkation to him (the Rev^d L Strong) the meeting then requested the Secty to enter this statement in the minutes _____

A letter from the Parent Society dated 15 July last enclosing a copy of their letter of same date to Mr Armstrong was then read and the contents carefully noted. In paragraph 2 the Society think it desirable

that the Revd L. Strong should be officially connected with the Con: Com: as Secretary jointly with their present Secty, for many reasons, especially for conducting the correspondence with the Parent Committee & the Missionaries & as occasion may require with the Bishop of the Diocese" which suggestion was immediately adopted. it was then moved by Mr Smith and seconded that with reference to the passage above quoted Mr Strong be requested to send copy of the same with a copy of the letter from the Parent Society to Mr Armstrong to his Lordship the Bishop of Barbadoes for his information. ——

Mr Strong then engaged in prayer and the meeting was closed.

Signed. W B. Pollard Secty

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(At a meeting of the Con: Committee held this 30th Sept 1836 at the house of Mrs Coughton Wells St

—Present.—

Revd L. Strong — Chairman ——

Revd B Williams

Mr Thos Coughton

Mr W B Pollard — Treas & Secty ——

After prayer the minutes of the last meeting were read — Mr Armstrong having returned from Barbadoes ~~and~~ addressed a letter to the Committee the Secty stated he had summoned this meeting that the subject matter of the same might be considered as Mr A. was then in town waiting their answer.

The Chairman then directed the letter (here following) to be read after which the Secty was desired to enter the same upon the minutes of this days proceedings

Barbice 10th Sept 1835

To The Committee of the

Cch Society

Gentlemen,

In accordance with my communication to you dated May 19th 36 my connection with the Cch Society is now dissolved

It is therefore incumbent upon me, to put you in possession of all necessary information respecting the Station in which I am concerned. —
I am obliged that you have agreed to pay for the garden. And I trust you will also give me the balance due on Mr Locke's account with me for articles received, for which he promised to pay and signed a note to that effect that I here inclose. I agreed with Mr Locke to make some alteration in the house that were plainly necessary: for which I drew upon the Society: viz finishing the Gallery 4½ Joes but nothing done to it. one Joe that he charged for planing the boards under the Gallery One Joe for a stay beam under the Chamber floor 4 Joes for an extra partition on the top floor; but all in an unfinished state; like the rest of the house. We brought out a kitchen range with iron oven attached for which we paid in England equal to about Two Joes, and had it set up at Bantia in brick work at the Society's expense. If the C. C think proper it is at their service for that sum.
We have also a small corial to dispose of that has been in the service of the Society for some time pursued be suitable for Mr Berman who cannot do without one; we ask 30 Joes for it. It is built of Brown Silverbally and mora Timber. It would be convenient both for the Society and such purchase it for him. —— An Indian family who have long resided upon the Station about 2 months since went down the River to sell their articles & returned drunk and set their house on fire which rather alarmed us being so near to some of the Society's buildings but we succeeded in putting it out before much damage was done. They then began to search for Rum and

found about a quart in a bottle I poured it out for which they said they would kill a Cow and actually did kill one nearly calving. A loss we are ill able to bear at this time nor ought it to fall alone upon us except it had been provoked The Indian went away into the Interior the same day it died— It gives us great pleasure to hear that the Society have kindly agreed to our returning home but as it has pleased God to direct us to another sphere of labour will the C. C. have any objections to defray our expenses to Barbadoes instead. As our expenses have been unavoidably great we can ill afford to bear them ourselves— Mr. Loucks owes the Society

Shingles . . 10.300. he has only brought 10.000 to the place part of which he has used, also 450 feet of lumber according to his own account. I lent him a lot of Carpenters tools to work at the house but he has taken them away without my consent worth about 2 Joes. My account with him is £ 383. 18. ½

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| The amount to be deducted on his and the Society's a/c . . | 231. -.- |
| Balance due to me | 151. 18. ½ |
| Price of Garden . . . | 330 " -.- |
| | 481. 18. ½ |

The Committee would oblige me if they would give me as early an answer as they can, because I wish to settle my affairs in the Colony as soon as I am able

I remain Yours &c

(signed) John Armstrong

The meeting then proceeded to consider the matter of the letter and the following resolutions were passed.

1st That it was necessary to inform the Parent Committee that Mr Armstrong had notified his connection with the C.M.S as being dissolved.

2nd That having left this Colony for Barbadoes on 2nd August without any reference to the Corr: Comm: and having passed his examination in Barbadoes with a view to ordination, it appear to this meeting that it was Mr Armstrongs determination to separate from the Society when he thus presented himself to the ~~Bishop~~ of Barbadoes.

3rd That this meeting are of opinion that they are not authorized under these circumstances to pass Mr A's salary for a longer period than to 10th Aug. last but should he do not be satisfied with this when the question of salary is brought up by him, that he be referred to the Parent Committee for a settlement of his accounts.

4th That at the meeting of the 9th June last Mr A's application for payment of his a/c against Mr Loncke £383.18 as also the expense he had incurred in railing in a space for a Garden £330 more were then considered when the Committee were then of opinion it was better to meet his wishes with respect to the garden, but as regarded Mr Loncke a/c they deemed it prudent before they could come under any further engagement for Mr L to ascertain how they stood with him, a line of conduct the result shews they were quite right in pursuing, there now appearing to be nothing at Mr Loncke's credit; consequently this application cannot be granted.

5th That the engagements made by Mr A with Mr Loncke, for which he has drawn on the Society £231. and which have never been completed, the Committee recommend to Mr A. to settle with the Society they declining to have any thing to do with that matter.

6th That the kitchen range said to cost £6 6s erected already

at Barbica at the Society's expence by Mr Armstrong the C. Cagu
to pay for say £44.

7th That the Committee must decline the purchase of the Canal for although they think the price named reasonable if it be in good order, yet they would prefer that Mr Berran should send himself with a craft of that description.

8th That the Committee lament exceedingly the Occurrence mentioned as having occurred two months ago, & that the Secretary express to Mr Armstrong the regret they feel that he should have lost a Cow, yet upon mature consideration of the subject they do not feel themselves authorized to indemnify him.

9th That the Parent Committee in their letter dated 16 July 1836 now before the meeting having stated in Paragraph 4th "Should Mr Armstrong unhappily for himself refuse to comply with the directions of the Committee, it will be requisite that the Corr: Com: should afford to Mr & Mrs Armstrong the means of returning to this Country" and Mr A having requested that their expenses to Barbados should be defrayed instead, the sum of £40 be voted to him for this purpose. the Corr. Com. trusting the Parent Com will confirm this vote.

10th That the Secretary be requested to write a letter to Mr A. embodying therein such of the foregoing resolutions as are in answer to his communication. The Rev'd Chairman then engaged in Prayer commending Mr Armstrong and family in particular to Almighty God after which the meeting was closed.—

(Sd) W B Pollard
Secretary

Copy of the Secretary's letter to Mr Armstrong

Sept 30th 1836

Mr John Armstrong

Dear Sir,

In compliance with your request of yesterday I summoned a meeting of the Corresponding Committee to day, your letter having been laid before them I am desired to acquaint you with the result of their deliberations; and altho' they have not met your views in all that you have asked of them, I trust you will consider that where they have not granted an application of yours, it is because they have not felt themselves, as Stewards of others, fully authorized to do so.— I beg dear Sir,

you will bear this in mind as you proceed, for now that you have of your own accord dissolved your connexion with the Church Missionary Society, it seemed to be the unanimous wish of the members of the Corr: Comm: present today, to accede to all your proposals wherein they could consistently, in order, if possible not to provoke any display of that unhappy feeling which unfortunately has characterized some of your former communications to them — at the meeting of the 9th June last your application for payment by the Corr: Comm: of your account against Mr Loucke for £383. 18 as also the expense you had incurred in railing in a space for a garden of £330 more, was considered. The Committee then were of opinion that it was better to meet your wishes with respect to the garden, but as regarded Mr Loucke's &c they deemed it prudent before they came under any further engagement for Mr L to ascertain how they stood with him, a line of conduct the result shews they were quite right in pursuing: for, after debiting him with the Lumber & Shingles which by your letter he appears to have had from the materials belonging to the Society, there will appear to be nothing due to this man even calculating his engagement with the Society as fully completed ——

Now as regards the engagements you made with Mr Loucke for extra work to be performed, for which you state you have drawn on the Society the Sum of £23. and that Mr L has done little or nothing towards this work, I am requested to state that as this was a matter with which the Corr: Comm: had nothing to do, they think it better that you should settle it with the Parent Committee. —— The Kitchen range with Iron oven valued by you at £44. and which you mention as being set up at Barbica in Brick work at the Society's expense. the Corr: Comm: agree to pay for - say £44. —— The Corrie they decline purchasing for Mr Berman, for altho' they consider £66 as a reasonable sum for the craft you describe, yet they would prefer Mr B. suiting himself with an article of that nature.

The occurrence you mention as having taken place two months ago, the Corr: Comm: lament exceedingly, and they desire me to express the regret they feel that you should have lost a Cow: yet upon mature consideration of the subject they do not feel themselves authorized to indemnify you.

Perhaps you had better report the matter to the parent Committee. — Regarding your application that you

expenses to Barbados should be paid, the Corr: Com: upon the strength of the letter from the Parent Com of 16th July last have voted you the sum of $40 (dollars) for that purpose. The authority to afford you the means of returning to England has annexed to it, a contingency, but as matters have taken the turn they have, the Corr: Com trust the Parent Society will confirm this vote — And now dear Sir having gone through the several subjects of your letter before concluding allow me to beseech you to eradicate from your breast any root of bitterness, which has troubled, or springing up may yet trouble you on account of this mission. I have not been long officially connected with the Corr: Com: but I am no stranger to the unhappy occurrences that have induced you finally to quit a Society with whom you have been connected for years and to whose direction you yielded yourself properly for the Lords work. I do sincerely deplore them, and if I may judge from the prayers that were offered up for you this day, your temporal and eternal welfare is earnestly desired by the members of the Committee. May the Lord hear and answer them, and grant you to grow more and more into the image of him who is emphatically the meek and lowly one; Yea, may we all be clothed with humility, remembering that as God resisteth the proud he will speedily give grace unto the humble.

I rest Dear Sir

Sincerely Yours

(Signed) W.B. Pollard

Secretary to the Committee of Correspondence

The Parent Committee having desired that their letter to Mr Armstrong dated 16 July 1835 should be entered upon the minutes - the same is copied underneath - the original Copy having been sent to the Bishop.

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The Parent Committee having a Copy of their letter already - it is only transcribing to the Lord [illegible]

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Dec 14 1837

# Church Missionary Society

At a meeting of the Corr. Com held this 12th Dec. 1836 at the house of W.B. Pollard — Present — Revd. L. Hoey — in the Chair —

Chas Houghton
Thos Houghton — Esqrs

W.B. Pollard — Treasurer and Secretary —

After prayer the minutes of last meeting were read and the Secy begged to lay before the meeting two letters he had received from Mr Armstrong the one dated from Barbica 6th Inst and the other at George Town of the present date both relating to his position with Mr Lonske — in reply to which the Secy was desired to intimate to Mr A. that the Committee could not take his case of the subject of Mr L. &c and therefore could not entertain his application for payment any longer —

The remains of the Box of Glass belonging to Mr Lonske by Mr Armstrong were admitted and if he chose to take them, the C.C. cannot prevent him although they cannot authorize the Secy, but that already glazed and attached to the house they forbid being removed —

The Secretary then read a statement addressed by Mr Gyond to the Committee detailing the present state of the mission in which was embodied a scheme for cutting fire wood in order to support the settlers at the place. But as Mr Gyond had also submitted a letter from Mr Gibbon expressing his presence in Barbadoes

for ordination by the Bishop. the meeting deferred the consideration of this question and agreed that it was desirable that Mr Gould should obey the Bishops summons conveyed thro' Mr Gillett's letter and proceed with all convenient despatch to Barbadoes.

The Secretary then laid before the meeting a memorandum of Sundries rec'd ow by Mr Gould from Mr Armstrong being the property of the Society which was ordered to be filed with the papers of the mission.

The following claims against the mission for the quarter ending 30th September after examination were passed and ordered to be paid by the Treasurer viz

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| Mr Gould—¼ | Salary | £ | 900 " — |
| Mr Carter—¼ | ditto | | 450 " — |
| Mr Spooner—¼ | ditto | | 450 " — |
| Mr Doyce—¼ | ditto | | 350 " — |
| | Total Salaries | | 1950 " — |
| Mr Gould—his bill for travelling and other expenses of mission finding Sheaden &c &c | | | 573 " — |
| —ditto— | for repairs of the missionary packet | | 258 " 12 " |
| Mr Armstrong—his bill for travelling and other expenses of mission | | | 381 " — |
| Mr Spooner—his bill for repairs to boat & hire of Boat hands | | | 87 " — |
| | | £ | 3249 " 12 " — |

Mr Gould having been asked to join the meeting presented an account of £46. he had rec'd in a Bill from the Revd Long as mentioned at the meeting of 9th June 1836. to liquidate his expenses when going last to Barbadoes. the Bill sold for . . . £26 " 15

and his expenses to and from Barbadoes including Surplice ~~Supplice~~ &c amounted as p statement submitted and passed at the meeting to . . . . . 424 " 5

Leaving a Balance in hand of . . . £ 175 " 10

which was ordered to be paid into the treasury and he was authorized to call upon him for another advance sufficient to defray his present intended voyage to that Island and back to this Colony a statement of the expenditure of which he was requested to give to the Corresponding Committee — The meeting then deliberated upon the Item charged for feeding the Indian Children which entailed great expense on the mission when Mr Yond suggested that the Children be fed and clothed as usual, but the actual expenditure be stated instead of being sent in, in the shape of an allowance — there were 4 grown 4 Children with him and 5 more he had just received for from Mr Armstrong, to which the meeting assented. —

Mr Yond also submitted one or two matters relative to the employment of an Interpreter of the Macouba language; purchase of a wheel barrow, shingling gable of his house &c, which the meeting thought had better lay over until his return from Barbadoes, but he was authorized to employ a person at Barbica to take care of Mr Armstrongs house at a moderate remuneration — The treasurer reported that Bills to the amount of £325-0-0 would have to be drawn upon the Parent Society to meet the demands now passed, and also the engagement of Mr Armstrong passed at previous meetings and the Rev'd L. Strong was accordingly requested to draw for that amount. — The Rev'd Chairman then concluded with prayer after which the meeting broke up —

Signed W. B. Pollard
Secretary

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Proceedings of the Corresponding Committee, at a meeting held at the House of W B Pollard George Town on 19th January 1837. — Present —

Rev'd Strong in the Chair
Rev'd B. J. Williams
C L Smith Esq'r
Thos Leighton Esq'r
W B Pollard — Treasurer and Secretary

The Revd Mr. Williams being called upon offered pra
after which the minute of the last meeting were read
and the Treasurer submitted his accounts for the past ye
with the vouchers appertaining thereto shewing a Balance
in hand of £ ; but it was suggested that the ges to be pas
at this meeting be also introduced therein forming as they d
a part of the 1836 expenditure, and that a copy of the same
be then forwarded to the Parent Society along with the
minutes. ——— The Revd J. H. Bernau having report
his arrival with his family from Berbice, to join the mis
in obedience to the direction of the Parent Committee, it wa
resolved:— That this meeting acknowledge with gratitude t
Almighty God the arrival of the Revd Mr Bernau, and tha
the Secretary be ordered to write a letter to Mr Bernau in
the name of the Committee, expressive of the satisfaction t
the mission to the Indians— Resolved— That £ 300 Stg p
annum £ 200 be allowed Revd J. H. Bernau for Salary
until the Society's wishes be known. ———

The Revd Young then informed the meeting that
Mr Bernau had returned that morning from a visit he had
made at Berbice and the Grove; that he had expressed
himself as being pleased with the state of the mission
at the latter place; but that with regard to the prospect
usefulness
^ of himself and Mr Bernau he had given it as his con
viction, that situated as the two places were, the mission
aries could not act in concert with advantage as long a
their residences were so far apart. The meeting then
deliberated on the propriety of removing Mr Armstrong
house to the Grove, and among the considerations the
following tended not a little to cause the adopting the
plan of removing the house suggested by Mr Bernau
statement. ———

First The house not being finished when Mr Armstr
went into it had not been taken over from Mr Lon
the Carpenter, and Mr Parry his friend was desir

that the work actually performed should be valued and the difference between its value and the Contract be deducted therefrom - which difference might go in part of the erection at the Grove.

Second - The cultivation of the Ground at Barbeca had been tried, and it had failed, it being a sterile soil, moreover great labour was required for the transport of every article from the water edge to the top of the hill, and in course of time the expense consequent upon keeping up the mission there would be very great.

Third. The Indians had commenced to be scarce thereabouts upon the Grove, and it was more than probable that any fresh parties joining the mission would prefer forming their dwellings there also, added to which the schoolhouse was there, and Mr. Berna's valuable assistance would in some measure be rendered abortive, having near two miles to travel and part of the way through a swamp before she would reach the School.

Fourth - The present Schoolhouse was found sufficiently commodious to accomodate the congregation on the Sabbath so that the necessity of erecting a new Chapel was now done away with, at any rate for some time and the money which would have been required for this purpose might now be made available for the House.

The Meeting then came to the following Resolutions

1st - That Mr. Pollard be authorized to settle with Mr. Perry Mr. Lovell's friend in behalf of the Committee.

2nd - That the missionaries be requested to see some Carpenter in the Essequebo, and get estimates of the expense of removing the house and erecting it at the Grove including all materials. upon which the committee would then decide as to the propriety of abandoning the station at Barbeca altogether.

The meeting then proceeded to deliberate upon the scheme for cutting firewood for the support of the Indian families located upon the Grove Lands, which had been submitted by Mr Yonn at the last meeting previous to his departure for Barbados; and after

hearing carefully considered the same, they resolved to
adopt it, believing it to be feasible and promising as it do
the additional advantage of restraining in some measu
the wandering habits of the people; and the several me
bers of the Committee were requested to look out for a Sm
Sloop capable of carrying 70 or 80 Cords of Wood, and to ascertain
the cost of such a craft, in order that at their next meeting they
might decide upon the purchase and offer the missionary Packet
now in use for Sale, it being thought that the fair proceeds
answer all the purposes of the Packet.

This being their first meeting since Mr. Gow's return from
Barbadoes, the Com: Com: thought it proper as a body to congra-
tulate him upon his recent marriage, the Secretary was accor-
dingly desired to write a letter to Mr. Gow expressing the sen-
timents of the Committee towards him in relation to that
event, and their prayer that the Union might be sanctioned
on God and time to promote his Glory — The Treasurer then
stated that upon the authority of the last meeting he had pa
Mr. Gow for the purpose of defraying his expenses to and fro
Barbadoes the sum of . . . . . £197 v.
That he had that morning received from Mr. Gow the
memorandum of his expenditure which he begged to
lay over — Viz. Evening Passage and Stores to the Island £84 v.
Ordination fees £1. expenses while there before his
marriage £137 after £28 passages and Stores back
£100 Postage in both places £2. . . . £416 v. — £494 v.
leaving a Balance of . . . £ 3 v.
which he was directed to receive from Mr. Gow and credit
in his account Current.

A communication from Mr. Gow was then read by
the Secretary, praying for a Grant of 15 Joes to purchase some
extra furniture which in consequence of his marriage
he was under the necessity of buying: in granting which
request the Com: Com: believed that they were only gratif-
fying the wishes of the Parent Committee, as Mr. Gow

had received only a Bachelors fit out on leaving England and certainly required some additional articles as a married man, and the Committee had promised to give Miss Davies a suitable fit out in case she had agreed to Mr Yonds proposals —— The Revd J Stung observed that he believed it was the practice of the Society to increase the Salaries of their missionaries when they married, and it was resolved that £300 pr annum — £200 be allowed the Revd J. Yond until the meeting of the Parent Committee in London

The consideration of Mr Yonds request for an interpreter of the Macusi language made at the last meeting was again resumed, and it being thought that the vocabulary of English, Creole Dutch, Caribee and Akaway, which he was compiling would be rendered more complete by the addition of the Macusi, and the expense of feeding the man not being very great, the Committee resolved that the interpreter should be engaged ——

The following claims against the mission were then laid before the meeting and after examination of the same the treasurer was ordered to pay them immediately — viz ——

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| R Spooner ¼ Salary to 31st Dec. | 450. " | |
| Boat expenses to same period | 108 " 15. " | 558. 15. " |
| Charles Carter ¼ Salary | 450. " " | |
| 13 Weeks feed of horse @ 3 | 39. " " | 489. " " |
| Revd J. Yond for 2 Mos Salary @ £200 pr annm £46 6 13. and 1 Mo do @ £300 pr annm £350 | | 816. 13. " |
| Ditto Lamps for Chapel &c travelling Board of Indian Boys & Indian Expenses | | 578. 5. " |
| Cost of a wheel barrow for use of Station | | 22. " " |
| Jno Doyce for ¼ Salary to 31st Dec. | | 350. " " |
| | | 2814. 13. " |
| Revd J. H. Bernau to purchase a Corial for the Station for the purpose of visiting the outstations in connexion with the mission | | 110. " " |
| | | 2924. 13. " |

The treasurer then reported that a Bill for £220 Stg would be required to meet the demands against the mission which the Revd L. Strong was requested to draw and to hand to him for sale —— The Revd L. Strong having requested Mr. Beman and Lord to join the meeting in prayer, a blessing upon our labours was then asked after which the meeting separated. (Sd) W.B. Pollard

Secretary

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Copies of the Secretary's letter to the Missionaries

George Town 19th January 1837.

Revd I. L. Beman,

My dear Sir,

At the meeting of the Corresponding Committee which took place this day, I was desired to communicate with you, and express the great pleasure and heartfelt satisfaction experienced by us in placing your name at the head of the Society's mission to the Indians; for when we take a retrospective view of it for the last 18 months and consider those unhappy differences which have perplexed the members of the Committee & retarded the progress of the work, we cannot but feel grateful to Almighty God for this happy termination of our anxiety — many prayers have been presented for a blessing on this station and we acknowledge with gratitude they have been answered in yourself and Mr. Beman thus coming to join us; My dear Sir, we consider this the Lords doing, and therefore receive it as a token of his love for us, and a pledge of his favour to the mission. May you then be endued with power from on high to carry on the Lords work at this station, may there be no other work than his; Satan we have seen was not idle there, and he has hindered us, but may the name of Him who was manifested that he might destroy the works of the devil be lifted by you and each of your fellow labourers in the Vineyard, that every root of bitterness being taken away and the good seed being bountifully sown and watered, and blessed, may

germinate and fructify, until the Wilderness and the Solitary place be made glad, and the desert rejoice and blossom as the rose - The Lord go with you, dear Sir, and His Word accomplish that whereunto he has appointed it

With much respect

Believe me to remain

Yours in the fellowship of Jesus

(Signed) W B Pollard

Secretary Corr: Com:

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George Town 19th January 1837.

Revd Thomas Pond

My dear Sir,

No meeting of the Corresponding Committee having taken place since your return from Barbadoes until to-day, they could not as a body convey to you before their cordial congratulation on your recent marriage, but I now have the pleasing duty assigned to me and I believe express the sentiment of every member in wishing you and Mrs Pond all spiritual blessings in Christ Jesus, to the end that she may go hand in hand with you in promoting the object of that mission, to which you ~~have~~ Came by the grace of God, devoted the remainder of your life. My dear Sir may the Lord the Fountain of Love and of all goodness sanction and bless your Union, imparting unto you strength to perform and submission to suffer all things for his name's sake, with patience to wait for his coming, when you shall receive that crown of righteousness which is laid up for all such who love His appearing

I am my dear Sir

Yours in the same hope

(Signed) W B Pollard

Secretary Corr: Com:

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Dr Church Missionary Society in Account Current

| 1838 | | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| June | 10 | To paid James Bradford in part of his a/c for Shingles pr receipt | Meeting authorising Payment 9 June | 207 | |
| | 23 | " paid Colonial duty on a Case Books &c | " | 13 | |
| | | " paid Mr Armstrong his Salary for Qr ending 30th June £150 and the annual expenditure of Provisions for Indians, Provisions for Boys, travelling &c £340 confirmed by meeting of | 6 July | 1.390 | |
| July | | To paid Mr Carter 1/4 Salary to 30 June | " | 450 | |
| | | " paid Mr Spooner 1/4 do | " | 450 | |
| | | " paid Mr Joyce 1/4 do | " | 350 | |
| August | | To paid Mr Spooner for travelling expences | 22 Aug | 102 | |
| Sept | 22 | " paid A Rankin for a horse for Mr Carter pr receipt | | 330 | |
| Oct | 13 | " paid Mr Armstrong pr rect for Cost of paling in 60 Sq. yds for a garden and for a Kitchen range Oven | 30 Sept | 444 | |
| | | " pd do for Passage of Self and Mrs Armstrong to Barbados pr receipt | " | 120 | |
| | | " pd do amot his Bill agst the Mission for travelling Expenses &c for Quarter ending 30th Sept pr receipt | 13 Oct | 381 | |
| | | " pd B Spooner 1/4 Salary pr Rect | " | 450 | |
| | | " pd J Carter 1/4 do do | " | 450 | |
| | | " pd John Joyce 1/4 do do | " | 350 | |
| | | " pd B Spooner Boat and travelling Expences | " | 87 | |
| | | " pd T Youd 1/4 Salary £100 and his Bill for Mission Expenses £573 | " | 1.273 | |
| | | " pd do for Repairs of Missionary Packet | " | 238 12 | |
| | 19 | pd do for Expences to Barbados pr receipt | " | 497 | |
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| June | 23 | By received from Thomas Troughton former treasurer Balance in his hands | | 11 | " " |
| | | " received his Subscription for 1835 ~~and~~ per Mr Wells | | 88 | " " |
| | | " received proceeds of a dft of £117 drawn upon the Parent Society and sold for £13. 10 per £ | | 1.008 | 15 " |
| July | 14 | " received proceeds of a dft of £92 5/9 drawn upon Parent Society Ex £13.5 | | 1.210 | " " |
| August | 0 | Mem.o a Bill was drawn at date for £71.10 Cy to £905.5 which did not pass thro' the Treasurers hands, it was given by the Rev.d J Strong to Mr. Yond, in payment of his a/c ending June Quarter | | " | " " |
| October | 13 | received from Mr Yond balance of a Bill of £40 which sold for £20.15 drawn by the Rev.d J. Strong and given him to defray his Expenses to Barbados as noted at the meeting of 9th June. The expenses including Cost of Robes as per mem.o submitted & passed at meeting of to day amt.g £60/45.5 difference paid in | | 175 | 10 " |
| | 24 | By received for 2 Bills drawn this day on the Parent Society for £300 and for £25 £325 " Ex £13.12.0 | | 4.428 | 2 " |
| | | " received the following Subscriptions for 1836. Mr. Williams £22 Mr Wells £44 Mr Troughton £44 Mr. Thos. Troughton £44 Mr. Tolland £66 Mr Strong's £22 Mr Gibbs' £22 | | 204 | " " |
| | | Carried Over | | £7.947 | " |

Proceedings of the Corresponding Committee at a meeting held at the House of W. B. Pollard George Town on the 12th April 1837.

Present

Rev. B. J. Williams in the Chair.

Charles Doughton Esqre

W. B. Pollard Treasurer & Secretary

Mr. Thomas Pinnington joined the meeting towards the close of its proceedings.

After prayer the minutes of the last meeting were laid upon the table a copy of which the Secretary stated had been handed to the Rev.d L. Strong together with the Treasurers Account Current, to take with him to England for the information of the Parent Society.

On Motion Resolved unanimously that the Rev.d L. Strong having sailed for England & being necessary that this office should be filled, the Rev.d B. J. Williams was appointed, and authorised to sign all bills ordered to be drawn on the Parent Society by the Cor. Com.ee at their meetings, as also to correspond whenever occasion may require with the the Parent Committee.

Mr. Pollard mentioned that at the last meeting he was authorized on behalf of the Committee to settle with Mr. Parry, Mr. Lucke's friend, that he had applied for that purpose on Mr. Parry, but found Mr. L. had provided him with no written authority so to do nor had Mr. Parry up to that day been enabled to get one; that as the settlement might not be valid, he had declined proceeding any further with it until such written authority was produced, but as it appeared to him Mr. Lucke would have no further trouble in the matter knowing he had nothing ~~to do~~ ~~with it~~ to receive under the Contract, and had moreover forfeited the Penalty; he recommended to the meeting that if Mr. Parry would now accept of a less Sum than the £2000 he had agreed to him in the Contract on the

completion of the work and look to Smeaton for the Balance, releasing the Society from any further claim on his part; to pay him at once. After deliberation it was resolved to settle with Mr Parry on the terms recommended by Mr Pollard if it could be accomplished and the Chairman was authorised to draw for the amount as soon as Mr Pollard gave him the necessary notice

The following accounts against the Mission were then examined & passed to the treasurer for payment

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| "C. Carter - for ¼ Salary to 31st March | | £14 50 0 0 |
| 13 weeks feed of horse to do | 39 - £4 | 8 9 0 |
| "C. Arelens Bill for a saddle supplied for the use of Mr Carter | | 4 4 0 |
| "B. Spooner - for ¼ Salary to 31st March | | £4 50 0 0 |
| Bill for Boat expenses to do | 11 0 10 | 5 6 1 10 |
| "Jno Doyce - ¼ Salary to 31st March | | 3 5 0 0 |
| "Rev. T. Yond - ¼ Salary to do | | £10 5 0 0 |
| " Bill for paveling, hire of Boat Captain & Cash to Indians | | 3 0 3 10 |
| " Nehley & Nyeland's Bill for shingling gable end of house & additioning rooms | | 19 5 0 0 |
| " One of the Macushie Interpreter authorised at last meeting | 7 4 10 | 16 2 3 0 0 |
| "Mr. Burford's Bill for a new mainsail to the Missionary Packet - the old one having been carried away in a squall | | 8 8 0 0 |
| and Adam Patrick's Bill for painting Ryan's Solution on the same to prevent mildew | | 1 1 0 0 |
| | | £31 6 6 10 |

The Treasurer related that Mr Berman's Acts had not been forwarded, he intending to bring them up with him, but that the amount now required exclusive of the payment to Parry whatever that might be would amount to £220 - - - For which sum he was authorised to be drawn and £100. more for Mr. Berman in case the Committee did not meet when he came to Town -

Mr Boles's tender for the removal of the House was then brought before the meeting, but the sum asked by him

— Oct. 13/36, April 10/37

Proceedings of the

Corresponding Com^ee

— at —

Demerara

George Town, Jan. 19/37

W. B. Pollard, Esq. to Rev. J. Bernau,

— do — to Rev. T. Youd.

Account Current, June/35 to Jan/37

Minutes being considered the last — the deliberation

of this Quarterly Meeting adjourned to the Quarterly

Meeting to be held in George Town on the first

Tuesday in April next, at which time it is requested

that the Circuit Stewards could be constantly

present with their Quarterly Accounts, the meeting

of Preachers and Leaders to be held on the

Wednesday following.

Wm. B. Pollard

Secretary

George Town

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Jan. 19/37

No 2 June 25/38

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Minutes of a Meeting at the House of the Revd S. T. Williams at Pt Peters Hall on the Evening of July 18th 1837.

Mr Pollard stated that the Revd T. Pond having arrived that afternoon from Esseqebo. and expressing his desire to return on the following Morning, there was not sufficient time allowed for the Members of the Committee to assemble, he has therefore thought it best to accompany Mr Pond down to Peters Hall that evening that the Revd President might hear his Report of the Mission &c. and as Mr Pond was desirous of getting his Quarterly Account passed he suggested their examining the Items at Once, and Reporting to the next meeting of the Committee, the proceedings of that Evening -

Among other things stated by Mr Pond, he reported that a Company of 8 Indians had come from the Interior to the Grove with a View of Settling, and he requested that the Society might defray their expenses "until they had done something at their land" -

Mr Pond was reminded that the Parent Committee was of Opinion that expenditure

of

of this nature should be cautiously incurred
but they having authorized the Local Committee
to grant a small and occasional Expenditure
for their temporal support, with the View
disposing and enabling the Indians to locate
themselves in the neighborhood of the Missionaries
(See Letter 14th March 1836) and Mr Gould
having stated that he believed they really
intended settling and had not come merely
as visitors — His application was granted
a second Request from Mr Gould was —
That Frances Dyer an Arawaak Indian
might be put upon Salary, and after further
instruction from the Missionaries, be sent
among his nation as a Catechist & Reader
This man appears to be among the
first Fruits given by Almighty God as
a recompence for the Missionaries Labour,
He was baptized by the Bishop of
Barbadoes when he visited the Mission,
upon the Recommendation of Mr Gould —
has been assisting in giving Instruction and —
occasionally assisted the mission as an Arawaak
Interpreter to Messrs Brown and Gould.
The meeting were of Opinion that
as Dyer would be taken from his common
Labour

Labour in order to undergo instruction and having a large family unprovided for, he should be taken upon the list of the Society's Catechists and a moderate sum from 1 to 2 Joes ₱ Month be allowed him for the present

Mr Youd expressed his desire to visit the Macedonian tribes; the Meeting acquiesced in the Opinion of an exploratory excursion being made. It was hoped some letters should be received from the Society in answer to Mr Youds application, before the time of his projected departure –

Mr Pollard reported his having settled with Mr Parry satisfactorily and paid nine Hundred Guilders on Mr Lauch account in full of all ~~demands~~ Claims which Mr Parry might have had.

Mr Pollard was requested to enquire and settle with Mr Pauche for the balance of the House and to report at the next Meeting how much would be required to be drawn –

Mr Youd's Ps now the Subscribed and Examined

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| Qj. Ps Salary | ——— | 1050. |
| Robert's Bill for Medicine | 14.10 | |
| Alfred's Support | 6.0 | |
| Candles for Chapel | 12 | 92. 10. |
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| Travelling to Opia, Tolayou, To Hobo, among the Mowaaka and over to Town | 165. — . | |
| Support of the Arab that assisting to make up the Grammer | 61. — . — | |
| Amount of Issues to the Indians during the famine from 1st. April to 30th June p.a/c countersign'd by Mr Boyce | 194. 13. | |
| Amount of Repairs of the Missions Pkt. in April as p.r Bill in detail | 116. 18. | |
| | | £1610–1 |
| Mr Gould also laid over Mr Boyce's a/c for ¼ Salary and Travelling to Layou £24. | 350. 374. — | |
| The Secretary submitted Mr Symmons a/c for Salary and Boat Expences | 450 | |
| | 114. 5. | £564. 5. |
| and Mr Carter same as last Pkt. | | 489. — |

The Treasurer mentioned that Mr Berman's a/c which had not been received in time for the last meeting had exceeded the £100. provided for them by about £300. arising from his making up his a/c. agst the Mission to 30th April instead of 30th March. and that about £350. would be req.d to be drawn for the Dist ending 31st June including Mr Berman's a/c. which however need not be drawn until he came to town himself.

The Secretary was desired to invite the Revd T. Bayne Minister of Church Kingstown & Mr. Benjamin Cz. to join the Committee of

Proceedings of the Corresponding Committee
at a Meeting held at the Store of Wells Pollard &
in Georgetown on 28th December 1837.

Present.

The Revd Leonard Strong.

M. Benjamin
William Roberts. } Members
W B Pollard. } Treasurer & Secretary

S. L. Smith, C. Houghton, and T. Troughton absent-

Members were duly Summoned

The Revd President having taken the Chair.
opened the meeting with Prayer.

The Secretary adverted to the late awful Scourge
which Almighty God had Allowed to Pass through
the Land, and by which belloving people were alike
involved as others in the Common Calamities of a
Community. so, it had seemed good to him to
Remove by this Visitation Two of his devoted Servants
who were lately Numbered amongst us as Members
of the Committee — Our lamented President
had been called to his Rest. on the 16th August.
last. not a Month after the Proceedings of the
last Meeting. herein recorded, and the Revd Mr Bayn.
Who was then elected as a Member had followed
him in 10 or 12 days. after. to join the Master. —
Whom they had served while upon Earth. —

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The Secretary stated that no meeting of the Lon. Comtee had taken place since these words, that when the last Quarters Accounts were sent to him most of the Members were away — and he had therefore requested Mr Brewer to draw the Bills for this Liquidation, that the Bills for the June Quarter had also been signed by Mr Brewer. — The Revd McWilliams being ill when they were drawn out, and of course not being sent to him they remained Unsigned at his death. The Treasurer's Acc^ts were then submitted to the Meeting for their Inspection, and his Receipts and Vouchers laid upon the Table.

The Secretary called the Attention of the Meeting to the Proceedings of the 19th Janry last, when the propriety of removing to the Grove the House erected at Barbica for Mr Armstrong was allowed — The meeting were aware that the House had never been finished, and when it was judged best to remove it all thoughts of Completing it were abandoned and a settlement with Parry & Loucke the only thing sought after. A satisfactory settlement with Parry had been Made the terms of which the Secretary explain'd to the Meeting and bear his acknowledgement.

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Mr Pollard then submitted to the meeting a letter he had received during the absence of the Revd Leonard Strong's absence from the Parent Society on the subject of two School Houses proposed to be erected in St Matthews Parish. The Revd L. Strong informed the Meeting that shortly after

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That letter was written, he had seen Mr Coates in London. on the subject of these School Houses - and he intended to bring the Matter before the Meeting that day He was desirous that two eligible Sites should be chosen for the Schools and he could now get the Land for one School in Canal No 3 and for the other either on Plantation Great Diamond or Locust Garden as the Committee might determine. The meeting felt some difficulty while deliberating upon this Question, as it appeared H.M. Government expected that each School would be capable of holding from 100 to 200 Scholars that they were to be really Substantial Buildings while the entire cost of both was not to exceed £500 Stg. The meeting were of Opinion that if any accommodation were made for the Masters of the School the Sum allowed was altogether Inadequate to erect them -

The Revd Leonard Strong having suggested that some assistance might be obtained from the Proprietors of Estates contiguous to the Schools

It was resolved to appoint a Committee to determine on the Sites, to receive on behalf of the Church Missionary Society Grants of the Land and to ascertain what aid could be obtained from the resident proprietors so that

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Mr Spencer having intimated his desire
to Remove to Georgetown with a View of prosecuting
his Studies previous to ordination and having
written to the Revd Leonard Strong when in England
that the parent Committee might be informed
of his intentions and Arrangements for supplying
this Place having been Made by Mr Strong -
His Connection with the Society terminates
on the 31st Inst. The Revd Chairman
then informed the Meeting that it had been
arranged that Mr Aveline should take Mr Spencers
Place at a Salary of £300 a year and that
Mr James Hall who had accompanied him out
from England would be located higher up the
Demerary River. to act in Concert with Mr -
Aveline, whose Salary the Society had fixed
at £150. a year. Mr Strong was requested to furnish
the Secy with extracts from the Society's com -
-munication that an annotation might be
made on this days minutes of the terms of the
Engagement with Messrs Aveline & Hall.

The Revd Thos Pond and Mr Hall were asked to join
the Meeting.

The Secretary read a communication relative

to the preparations which the Macushie tribe — are said to have made for the reception of a — Missionary. : Mr Youd had sent home to the Society an account of this Invitation accompanied by a list of Necessaries ~~which~~ he would require in case he was allowed to visit them. In October last Mr Youd had applied to him as treasurer for means to undertake the excursion, the season then being very favorable for travelling Mr Roberts having then returned to the Colony and the only member of the Committee who could be consulted at the time, the Secretary accompanied Mr Youd to his residence, and on the 6th October last, they deliberated upon the matter The result was a disappointment to Mr Youd, as both he recommended him not to go, and declined as members of the Committee giving their sanction to the £150 Bill which according to Mr Youd's statement it would require to be drawn before he could be equipped for his journey. They had not yet heard how the Society had received Mr Youds' Communication to them on the subject but as the Revd L Strong would soon return to the Colony there was a probability that he would bring them some tidings, and of the Society sanctioned the proceeding it was likely they would send out the Articles for which Mr Youd had written, — which would in some degree be useless if Mr Youd went away before. — Mr Roberts & he were of opinion that the favorable season for travelling was not a sufficient counterpoise to the reasons which might have been adduced for pausing a little —

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to the Macushies that he would visit them
and as the season would be favorable again
at the latter end of February next he would
then go. — The Secretary read an extract
=letter he had received from Mr Berman; it ap=
=peared that a plan has been laid down
so that Mr Youd's absence from the Grove
would in no wise affect the operations
of the Place. — It was the opinion of the meeting
that the Good resulting from this expedition of Mr
Youd would be that the Committee would get au=
=thentic information respecting the different Tribes
in that Territory, but if the Missionary were al-
ways to travel at this enormous expense it would
be a serious hindrance to his operations.

Mr Youd begged to call
the attention of the meeting to the ill state of Mrs
Youd's health, and requested leave to take
her to Barbadoes which he thought would
benefit her, and Altho he had not been called
up by the Bishop yet he thought he could pro-
vail with him to grant him Priest's Orders, he
would then leave Mrs Youd with her friends in
Barbadoes, and return immediately after his
ordination to prosecute his journey into the
interior. — After a very mature deliberation
it appeared to the meeting that it would be well
to sanction this trip to Barbadoes, and the Trea=
surer was desired to furnish him with money
for his own, and Mrs Youd's passage there
and back again and to defray the expences
of his ordination. —

Mr Youd was then requested to
furnish the Committee with a Complete list of all
the articles he would require for his excursion
among the Macushie Tribes, and with his intended
Plan of Proceeding and they promised on his return

return from Barbados to assist him in his propo=
=ted Expedition unless some different directions
from the Parent Society were received ad interim
& there were some manifest indications pointing
him to a different sphere of duty - With a View
however of lessening the Expenses of his journey
the meeting thought it well that Ofeld (the alla=
=ctshie Indian who had been educated by the
Society) should be sent off to bring down a
body of those people in time to meet Mr Gould on
his return to the Colony and of sufficient number to
Int[illegible] him safely over the Rapids - The Rev d
Chairman then offered Prayer and the Members
seperated. -

True Copy
W.B.P.

# Proceedings of the Corresponding Committee at a meeting held at the Counting House of Wells Pollard & on the 14th March 1838.

## Present

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| J. L. Smith | Chairman |
| Wm Roberts | Members |
| M. Benjamin | |
| Wm B Pollard | Treasurer & Secretary |

After Prayer. The Secy read the Minutes of the last meeting, and stated that Mr Gould having arrived in Town, and ex=
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=ney to the Macaulshie territory, this meeting had
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self Wife & Servant to
Barbadoes £12 0 0
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Mr Gould's Return
Ordination Fees 48 14 7 = 348 " "
Rec.d kept by him on part Salary £64 2 " "

The meeting regretted to hear such bad accounts
of Mrs Gould, and were sorry that the journey to
Barbadoes had not produced that beneficial
effect hoped for, under the Circumstances of the Case
they conceived it to be a duty incumbent upon
them to submit it to Mr Gould's consideration whe=
=ther after the distressing intelligence he had late=
=ly received from Barbadoes he thought Still to
prosecute his journey at this season into the inte
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A List of Articles required by Mr
Gould for his expedition was then submitted to the
Meeting but being unaccompanied by any plan of
proceeding it appeared from its nature, and the
extent of the Supplies required, that Mr Gould
had mistaken the wishes of the Parent Society
for the gradual extension of the mission to the
Indian Tribes into the interior, as well as the inten
tion of the Corresponding Committee, when acting upon
the instructions of the Parent Committee they had
promised to assist him in his projected expedition
They then Considered Mr Gould's intended Journey to
the Macushie Country as an exploratory excursion
for the purpose of collecting accurate information
relative to the different Tribes their Location, Language
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numbers, desposition to receive instruction from the
Missionaries and of ascertaining the most eligible
point for forming a new station, where one of the
Missionaries might eventually take up a per-
manent residence should it be deemed advisable
hereafter by the Parent Society on the recommen-
dation of the Missionaries & the Corresponding
Committee to establish one. — It however seem-
ed to be Mr Gould's intention at once to enter
upon the establishment of a new Mission
among the Macushee Indians which the
meeting thought a precipitate step and
not in accordance with the express wishes
of the Parent Society as detailed in their
letter of 23rd January 1837 — His foreign
to the wish of the Corresponding Committee to
damps the zeal of any of the missionaries they
are ableto impress that the glad tidings of sal-
vation should be conveyed through the in-
strumentality of the Church Missionary So-
ciety to the poor benighted Indians but they
would affectionately remind Mr Gould that
his sanguine expectations drawn from in-
dian Statements have on former occasions
been disappointed, and therefore in the pre-
sent case they wish to impress upon his mind
the nature of his expedition, in prosecuting
which, they recommend that all expenditure
be made upon the most economical scale
consistent with its objects — For the pur-
pose of carrying these into effect, the Committee
now place, at the disposal of Messrs Berman
Gould, the sum of One Hundred Pounds Ster-
ling, which they consider kinder all the circum-
stances to be simply sufficient to defray all
the Contingent & necessary expenses —

The Corresponding Committee on leav-
ing this matter in the hands of Messrs Berman &
Gould to Co-operate & determine upon the plans to
be pursued in the execution of the latter would di-
rect their attention to the instructions conveyed in
the letter of 23rd January 1837 before quoted wherein
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once to give hope of its stability and permanency and of its forming a stay and support for stations further in the interior

Before closing the proceedings of this morning, the Committee wish to record in a mark which past circumstances have caused them frequently to make. — They think it has an unfavourable tendency to pay persons besides feeding them, for every service they may render to a mission which has been established with an exclusive reference to their benefit; the duty of contributing to the support of the Mission should be inculcated upon the Indians & Coloured People around, who obtain instruction from the Missionaries & none should be allowed to obtain the idea, that it would appear some have taken up "that the Mission was established to support them"

True Copy
D. B. P.

Quarles.

Mr Parker visiting England, affords me an opportunity of sending the minutes of Genl Meeting but I cannot write you at length and to his letter I refer you. Mr Latrobe is with us, and we have given him all the information he required. He goes to Bengal, walks through the woods to Canara, and descends that river. what river I am not going and Athanasius is likely I shall bring him to Serampore again. Nothing of importance since this letter I have sent to you. all other information from the Calcutta to be obtained to the present is satisfactory. Mr Mack hath

D. B. Parker

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A D Cates Esq.

Demerara 14th Feby 1839

My dear Sir.

1. I have to acknowledge the receipt of your letters dated 1st and 27th decr /38 with their enclosures.

2. I enclose copy of the Proceedings of a Meeting of the Corr. Com. held 10th Oct /38 for your information

3. Also enclose account of sums drawn by the Corr Committee's Treasurer for this Station to present date.

4. Also a Journal of Revd J Yould from 30 June to 30 Sept /38 as also that of John Doyce.

5. An interesting communication from Revd J Berman to yourself is also forwarded by this opportunity.

6. As a Meeting of the Corr. Com. will be held in the course of a week or two at which the Revd W Berman purposes to be present I defer giving an account of the Mission, a most pleasing interesting matter forming a communication with them be received. The Revd Mr Fox having kindly offered his Pulpit in St Church for the purpose of advocating the cause of this mission, we expect the Revd W Berman when in Town will undertake this pleasant duty & that we may realize some funds towards the necessary expenses incurred in erecting the Chapel &

I am my dear Sir Yours very sincerely

A Meeting held 10 Oct 1838. Present Revd Jas Storey. Revd Wm Cox Revd J Berman. W. Roberts and Chas Noughton. After Prayers as follows

"The Treasurer was requested to draw a Bill on the Society for £440 Exg £13.7.8 being £5.885 for the expenses of the Mission for Sept 2d.

"The Committee resolved to increase Revd. Mr Carters Salary to £100 p. Ann. also the Boy "Geo Albert" to be employed in teaching and to receive £700 per annum Also that Wm Simmons should have increase of Salary to £1056 p. annum.

The Treasurer having stated that Messrs Steer were desirous of having a SchoolHouse erected on their Plantation Greenfield Cape Coast, and in order to carry the same into effect had authorized him to state, that they would give a Transport of the land (free) that may be required for the purpose.

Resolved. "That Mr. Noughton and Mr Roberts be requested to visit the Estate and select a site for the erection of a School House & that either of them be authorized to receive a Transport from Messrs Steer of the land required on behalf & in the name of the Church Missionary Society for the purposes above mentioned

The Revd Mr. Berman having requested the erection of a Chapel at the Grove and stating that he had already collected upwards of £200 towards the expenses of the same, at the same time informing the Com that his Congregation on Sundays generally consisted of from 200 to 300 persons, that the present Chapel was in a dilapidated state & that the probable cost of such erection would be £700.

Resolved. The Com fully agreeing in the above consented to such an erection & authorized the Treasurer to draw Bills to the amount of £500 towards the same.

Mr. Berman then stated that there was not at the Grove any residence for the Children attending the School & the present SchoolHouse not answering the purpose required, requested the Com. to sanction the erection of a small Building & that he would use endeavours towards obtaining part of the expenditure that would be required whilst the Com. agreed to and authorized the Treasurer to draw Bills for the amount required. After prayer the Meeting closed

30 Novr. 1838. The Treasurer drew Bills on the Society for £250. 18.9 Exg £13.12.8 being £341.9 Expenses of travelling home & fitting out Children of School at Bartica Grove

Noughton Secy.

The two Journals alluded to, I have forwarded by the Courageux
respectfully.

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The undersigned members of the Correspondg Committee of the Church Missionary Society being assembled at a meeting convened at the desire of the Revd Mr Gould, to take into Consideration his proposed journey to Pirara; and having weighed with mature deliberation all the statements submitted by Mr Youd in reference thereto, have consented to supply the necessary funds to enable him to carry out his plans. The committee however cannot but contemplate with regret the peculiar circumstances of the Warraputa Mission, and Mr Dorsa having by his late imprudent proceedings, disconnected himself from the Society, renders the situation of the Committee still more embarassing.—

The establishment of the British Claim to the territory at Pirara will materially affect the infant settlement at Warraputa in several ways. The Roman Catholics in Georgetown are endeavouring to send up one of their priests to fix himself at Pirara; and, if once established there, his influence will be exerted to prevent the Indians from settling at Warraputa. The Committee deem it necessary to pre-occupy the ground, and on this account alone cordially unite in Mr Youd's desire to visit his old Station, and if hereafter it be deemed advisable for him or some other to fix his permanent residence at Pirara, while a third Missionary may be sent out by the Society to prosecute its operations at Warraputa, the Committee think that the views of the Society "in a "gradual extension of the Mission to the Indians" would be effectively carried out.—

An assurence that land would be granted to the

Society

Society as soon as the Pirara Mission was added, having been given by his Excellency the Governor, and Mr Youd having intimated his wishes to remain at Pirara if the Parent committee sanctioned the proceeding, the Corresponding Committee resolved to make an appeal to the Parent Committee for another duly ordained Missionary to occupy the Warraputa Station and further from the favourable report they have had of Mr Muhlhausser and from learning that the Society are about to withdraw their Missionaries from Trinidad, they take the liberty of suggesting that his services might be profitably engaged at Warraputa.

They venture to hope that, from one branch Society being already in operation, and at least two others likely to be established, the expenditure of your Mission here may be soon in some degree diminished.

Demerary 17th December 1841.

William Fox.

Thos H. Benjamin

Chas Yates

Wm Robert.

Wm B Collard

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Minute of Members of Brit. Guiana Bor. Com.n Dec 17/41

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Spanish Town Jamaica
December 5th - 1826.

Rev'd Sir

I have much satisfaction in stating for the information of the Church Missionary Society that, since my last communication, much has been done here in the way of establishing Schools, & in the appointment of Catechists to the by Licence under the superintendence & direction of the Clergy. A grant of £500 sterling from the Society for the conversion & religious instruction of Negroes has already been appropriated to these objects in this Diocese, & should the Church Missionary Society feel inclined to place at my disposal any funds, I am of opinion they might

be applied in this manner both much advantage at the present moment.

A Day School consisting of about 130 Pupils has been recently opened at Shipston for all classes indiscriminately, & it is well attended, particularly by Servants & Apprentices.
at Ipswich Town a School of Industry has also been engrafted on Beckfords free School. a Branch Society is in connection with that for the conversion of Negroes has been established by private subscription in the Parish of St Thomas in the East. Five Catechists, Persons of colour, have been appointed & are supported by the Society. & Catechetical

instruction is given to between
2. & 3000 Persons.

Under present circumstances, I am inclined to augur favorably of this appearance beginning - & I trust the benefits of similar Institutions will gradually be extended, as our means increase, over every part of the Island.

I have the honor to remain
Revd Sir
Your faithful & Obt Servt
Christopher Jamaica.

Revd. E. Bickersteth
Church Missionary House
London.

Jamaica, Dec. 15th.

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Rev. J. Bickersteth

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Rec. Aug. 18/26

Abbott

Spanish Town
Jamaica
9th July 1826

Rev'd Sir

In reply to your communication of the 27th of April, received by the packet I have to express my thanks for the liberal offer of assistance by the Church Missionary Society in a Work where so much is required to secure the important objects of my Appointment. Measures are in progress for the formation of Parochial and Sunday Schools, as well as for the general Instruction of the negroes on Estates, but pecuniary assistance is much wanted. I have lately visited Rhynie Estate and received a letter from Mr Taylor in Vere, and I have every reason to feel satisfied with the useful and well directed labours

those two diligent and respectable School=
=masters.

I shall not fail to bear in mind
the liberal proposal of your Society and will
take some future opportunity of
communicating with you on the subject.

I am true Sir
Your very faithful Servant.

Christopher Jamaica

The Rev E. Butterworth

Jamaica, July 9/26. 20

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Rec. June 20/27.

Spanish Town. Jamaica
May 4th 1827.

Revd Sir

I beg leave to acknowledge the receipt of your Letter of the 19th of March together with a Donation of £200 Sterling for the furtherance of religious instruction among the Slave Population of this Diocese.

I beg you will convey to the Committee of the Church Missionary Society my grateful sense of this seasonable & most acceptable assistance - as it will enable me to afford that support to the rising Establishments of Sunday & Parochial Schools which they so much require - & will also give me an opportunity of affording a better Catechist.

I have already destined a part of

the Donation to the Free School &
School of Industry at Skipton
which has established in December
last, & has succeeded beyond
my most sanguine expectations.
The Pupils of all Classes, ages, &
colours, amount at present to 496, & I
have every reason to think will
increase ~~amount~~ to 500 in the course of
a very short time, which is as
many as the Building will contain.
I am happy to add that a similar
Institution is just formed at
Sawley Town under the superintendence
of a Master from the Central
School at Bolton in Building.
These Establishments, in the great Towns
are very important
in every point of view, & more

particularly as furnishing competent Instructors for the Country Parishes, where I have the Satisfaction of seeing both Sunday & Parochial Schools intirely under the direction of the Clergy.

I remain Sir

Your faithful & obt. Servant

Christopher Samuel

Revd

Dowd Bickersteth.

Church Missionary House

London.

Jamaica, May 4/27.

Pr. of Jamaica

To

By May Packet.

Rec'd Chas Stuart

Edward Bickerstaffe

Church Missionary House

London.

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Rec'd June 7/28

Montego Bay March 24th 1826

My dear Sir

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Since I had the pleasure of receiving your last letter I have had the good fortune to have an interview with Mr James Cox lately Chief Magestrate of the Grand Cayman Islands — The information which Mr Cox gave me relative to the state of that much neglected settlement was such as to convince me that but little good can be effected by us in behalf of the inhabitants till much time at least as some person by visiting them and perhaps residing among them for some weeks shall have succeeded to rouse them from their present state of Apathy and to create in them some desire for improvement —

One of Mr Cox's objects in visiting Jamaica was to resign his commission as Chief Magestrate which Object I believe he effected at an interview which he had with the Lieut Gov[r] while in this town. Mr Cox informed me they have had no instruction either civil or religious, in that unfortunate settlement, consequently they have not had the power of imposing & levying any tax, or of enacting any measure of public utility, or even for securing the public tranquility The Magestracy has been wholly insufficient without even the services of a constable to enforce its authority —

He spoke of the inhabitants generally as being in a state of Anarchy every one doing that which is pleasing in his own eyes as being totally indifferent about the education of their children, indolent in the last degree. and as their number is rapidly increasing — becoming daily more immoral and dissolute in their habits ——————

The Grand Caymanas is about 30 Miles in length, and in some parts 7 Miles broad, tho. in other places not more than 1¼ — About one half of the land is Marshy & in its present state unfit for cultivation — Yet the climate is extremely salubrious. The number of free inhabitants is about 700; of which about 550. are white, the rest being persons of colour & Negroes — The number of Slaves is between 800. & 900. thus the total population of the Settlement is upwards of 1500. souls — There are two towns or villages on the Island, Bodenstown & Georges town the former contains about 700 inhabitants, & the latter about 250 — At Bodenstown there is a small place of worship, the dimensions of which are about 30 feet by 20; and the inhabitants of Georges town are at present building one of similar dimensions — I need not inform you, that divine service is not performed in the Settlement from the want of a Clergyman — or that for the same reasons, Marriages are not duly celebrated — Neither are the children baptised — There are two schools — but Mr Cox did not speak favourably of them the number attending both does not amount to 30 — The person superintending one of these Schools, is represented as a respectable Character but far advanced in life — of the other who is a Roman Catholic, Mr Cox said nothing in commendation — I informed Mr Cox that a donation in the shape of a supply of books

from the Society, Library was about to be sent to them; but he did not seem to think that for the present this would be attended with much benefit. He replied that under present circumstances, the books would inevitably fall into the hands of those who could very well afford to procure them for themselves, & that what they needed most in the first instance was the presence of a person whom all might respect who might command attention - awaken in them a better feeling than that which now prevails convince them of the advantages of education. and excite in them the desire of improving their own Condition & that of their Children —

My Conversation with Mr. Cox & the information which I received from others on board his ship produced in me a strong feeling of Compassion: & no small degree of astonishment Compassion for the sad state of ignorance indolence & vice: of so many near neighbours who are prosperously under the protection of our laws, & entitled to the blessings of our best institutions: of astonishment that the British Government should have so entirely overlooked them, that hitherto no effectual means has been employed, nor indeed any direct attempt made for the relief of Necessities so urgent & so glaring —

I remain, My dear Sir
Yours very faithfully
(signed) John McIntyre

Jamaica, Montego Bay, Mar. 24th. 1761

Copy of Rev.d Mr. Coultas' letter to the Bp.s Commissary, respecting the Grand Cayman Island.

Private

Copy of a letter from the Revd. Mr. Coultas to Samuel Peters Esqr. Commissary to the Right Reverend Father in God Thomas Lord Bishop of London Acting in the Diocese of the Archbishops of the Province of Canterbury

Sir

Not to be published as the Reverend may think it unadvisable at this critical juncture

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Spa Town 11th March 1828

Dear Sir,

By the direction of Mr Commissary Campbell I subjoin the form of the declaration to be made and signed by Mr David M'Pherson in your presence; after the date is filled up, You will be pleased to sign your name and addition to the attestation; and return the document to me; when I will lose no time in making out the Licence. Mr Campbell will not insert the addition of "Schoolmaster" in the Licence; as his authority from the Bishop is over "catechist" in the patent: but in other respects the Licence will be similar to that granted, last year by his Lordship to Mr T.: I shall be glad to know if Mr Tuston acted under the Licence: and when he resigned the appointment, in order that a memorandum to that effect may be put on the Margin of the record in this Office.

I am Dear Sir
Yours very faithfully
signed Henry Lipscomb

To the Right Reverend Father in God Christopher Lord Bishop of Jamaica or his Lawful Commissary or Commissaries.

I David M'Pherson about to be admitted and licenced as a catechist in the parish of Portland in the Island of Jamaica. Do hereby declare that so long as I shall continue to hold such office I will not at any time Preach or Interpret or Minister any of the Sacraments or other Public Rites of the Church of England, but only instruct the Ignorant in the principles of the christian Religion according to the Tenets and Practice of the Church of England, and the Tenor of my Licence from your Lordship or your said commissary or commissaries And that in order to give such Instruction I will from time to time attend at such places and during such hours as the Rector or Curate for the time being of the said Parish shall fix and assign for that purpose. And lastly I do hereby declare that I will Apply myself diligently and to the best of my ability in the performance of the several Duties of a catechist as aforesaid

Witness my hand this twenty ninth Day of March in the year of Our Lord 1828

This Declaration was made and signed by the said David M'Pherson in my presence

Spa Town 15th April 1828

Dear Sir,

I have laid before Mr Commissary Campbell your letter of the 8th instant, in which you state that it is the opinion of the Committee who appointed Mr M'Pherson to Maroon Town, that a Catechist's Licence would be of no service to him.

I am desired by Mr Campbell to express his regret that they should have entertained such an opinion, as the Committee are aware that the nature of the duties required of Mr M'Pherson is to give Religious instruction and that as a Servant of the Church Missionary society, he must be regarded as a religious Instructor.

He also desires me to observe that whatever denomination was given him in the Licence the Intention of that instrument was, to confer an authority to teach and instruct in the principles of the Christian Religion, according to the Tenets of the Church of England under your superintendence and that although the Licence would not include the word "Schoolmaster" in consequence of the accidental omission of that word in the Letters Patent, yet Mr Campbell conceives it was sufficient for the purposes intended, and would have served as a Tie of connection with the established Church Authorities

I am dear Sir
Your very faithful Servt
signed Henry Lipscomb

Revd G. Griffiths

The Venerable the Archdeacon
&
The Revd A. Campbell
Eccl. Com. &c

Kingston 10th July 1828

Sir,

At a quarterly meeting of the committee of the "Jamaica Assc. Church M. S." held on the 25th Ultimo at which the following members were present viz:

James D. Wildman Esqr
George H. Prince Esqr
James Whitehorne Esqr
William Whitehorne Esqr
William Taylor Esqr
& The Revd D. Griffiths (the late secretary)

The Revd Mr Griffiths presented a letter dated the 1st April last, addressed to him by Mr Lipscomb under your direction on the subject of Licences to the society's teachers and also a Declaration required from them previous to the granting of the Licences together with Mr Lipscomb's letter of the 11th March accompanying it

Under the direction of the committee I have now the honour of laying before you copies of those documents together with the views of the Committee thereon.

The committee expressing as they believe the sentiments of the society regard it as extremely important to the usefulness of the society's exertions, and they are most anxious that its Missions & Servants should be placed in close connexion with the Church Authorities here, as they have been decisively with the Episcopate in India; and they agree cordially in the opinion expressed by you as to the advantage of a Catechist's Licence to its Teachers or Schoolmasters, which as you well express it "would serve as a tie of connexion with the Established Church Authorities."

The committee however conceive that the "Declaration" forwarded by Mr Lipscomb for Mr M'Person can be made only by teachers or catechists appointed & maintained by the ecclesiastical authorities, but that it cannot be made by those of the Church M. Society, consistently with their engagements entered into with that society by whom they are supported, for the following reasons.

The object of the Church M. Society is to assist in the propagation of the Gospel and "to instruct the ignorant in the principles of the Christian "religion according to the tenets and practice of the Church of England"

But while the declaration purports to grant this permission it contains expressions calculated to restrain the teacher in this very respect for it enjoins them not to "preach or interpret". Every endeavour to explain the Holy Scriptures may be considered as "preaching & interpreting" to a certain extent, and it appears quite impossible for the teacher "to instruct in "the principles of the christian religion according to the tenets of the Church "of England" without reading and commenting on the sacred Volume containing those "principles", & on the contents of which those "tenets" are established.

That part of the declaration which requires the teacher "to attend "at such places and during such hours as the rector or curate for the time "being of the said parish shall fix and assign for that purpose" can only have been inserted through inadvertence, as it was not to be expected that the Society after providing teachers at their own expense for specific stations would suffer them to be taken from under their control

The committee not knowing what Powers the Licence alluded to in the Declaration confers is at present unable to judge of the effect of the limitation contained in the Declaration, "that the instruction shall be "according to the tenets" &c "& the tenor of the licence"

If the Declaration can be framed consistently with Mr Lipscomb's remarks "that the intention of the instrument was to confer an authority "to teach and instruct in the principles of the christian religion" and so as not to interfere with the due Control of the Society over its agents the committee will be most happy to have them licensed, but at the same time they hope that all unnecessary expence may be avoided, as in the infancy of the society & the low state of its funds it is of importance that this should be attended to, and they confidently look for support from their Mother Church rather than that she should be in any way instrumental to a reduction of its means

The Committee are anxious to have your reply to this before

the sailing of the present packet as it is their wish to confer with the committee of the parent society on the subject

I have the honor to be
, Sirs,
Your most obedient Servants
signed Wm Taylor
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Jamaica
Mar. – July 1828
Correspondence of the Assn.
Com.ee with Ecclas. Commissaries

Spanish Town 13th July 1828

Sir/

I am directed by the commissaries of the Lord Bishop to reply to your communication to them, as secretary of the Corresponding committee of the Church Missionary Society, and dated the tenth instant

The commissaries desire me to state that having regularly transmitted, from time to time, to the Bishops, statements of all transactions, and copies of all communications connected with their Official Duties, his Lordship has long ago been made acquainted with the circumstances under which The Revd Mr Griffiths on the part of the "corresponding Committee" declined taking a Licence for Mr Mc Pherson as a Catechist at Moore Town

The Bishop, with a view of placing matters between himself and the Corresponding Committee on such a footing as might enable him, with the greater benefit and satisfaction, to avail himself of their Cooperation (the value of which he highly appreciated) sought an Interview with the Bishop of Lichfield & Coventry, & subsequently with The Revd Mr Bickersteth, Secretary of the Society the result of which, the commissaries are pleased to learn was gratifying and satisfactory.

The commissaries have reason to believe that in consequence of the conference between Mr Bickersteth and the Bishop of Jamaica Instructions would soon afterwards be transmitted from the parent society to the corresponding Committe; and they are not without hopes that as soon these Instructions shall be received, such a mutual understanding may be established that the Society's Teachers may be regularly licensed & placed in all respects, under such Episcopal Jurisdiction & Controul as the order & Discipline of the Church require

Should, however, the Instructions from the Society not be sufficient on those points particularly adverted to in your Letter, the commissaries are not aware of any other plan that can be pursued, but to await the return of such communications as may be made by the Committee to their Society by the commissaries to his Lordship, by this Packet

I have the honor to be, Sir,
Your most Obt faithful Servt
Signed Henry Lipscomb

C W/O 24/15

Rec'd Ap 4/29 Spanish Town Jamaica X

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Revd

Sir

I have been favoured with your Letter of the 8th of November last — & I beg leave to state that I have lately (subscribed) a form of Declaration to the Committee of your Society in this Island, (& to which they have assented) for the Subscription of all Teachers nominated by them, & desirous of obtaining

my Licence.

I have seen Mr Wood since his arrival here, & I trust that, when he is of sufficient age, he will present such testimonials as will qualify him to become a Candidate for Holy Orders. I remain Sir

Your faithful & obt Servt

Christopher Jamaica.

Revd

Edward Bickersteth.

Jamaica
Feb. 11/99

Dft. for Jamaica.

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Extract of a Letter from
Captain Pigot to
Mr. Stephens.

Dated Jamaica
Feb. 11th 1799.

Received
Feb. 28th
1799.

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Rec'd Apl 10/30 Spanish Town Jamaica
December 15th 1829

Revd Sir

I am favored with your Letter of the 21st of October on the subject of Mr. Joshua Wood offering himself as a Candidate for Holy Orders.

I have already communicated with Mr Wood on the subject, & have stated that if the Church Missionary Society would nominate him to the Chapel which He states will be open to his Ministry at Colley

Estate in the Parish of St
Thomas in the East & will
allow him £200 Sterling per
annum for his maintenance
in the same, until he shall
be provided with some other
Preferment, that such a
Nomination shall be received
by me as a satisfactory Title
for Holy Orders. This Nomination
must be made & entered
into by the Governors or
such other Members of your

Society as are empowered
& appropriate a portion of
the funds, & real guarantee
the regular payment of her
Hoods Salary in such a
manner as to secure to him
a permanent provision until
he shall be otherwise provided
for. I remain
Revd Sir
very faithfully Yours
C. Jamaica

Revd
E. Bickersteth.

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manner as to secure to him
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Revd Sir
very faithfully Yours
C. Jamaica

Revd
E. Bickersteth.

Jamaica, Dec. 15/29. 109

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No. 3.

Copy Circular addressed to the different Clergymen in this Diocese.

Spanish Town 22nd November 1830.

Revd Sir.

I have to request that you will not permit in your Parish Church any deviation from the prescribed course of the ordinary public Services, or any alteration in the usual hours of Divine Worship, until you shall have previously communicated with me on the subject.

The same injunctions are equally applicable in offering from your Pulpit in the furtherance of any charitable objects, or in aid of the Funds of any Religious Societies.

When permission is requested for any of these purposes, the name of the Preacher and the purport of his discourse are to be distinctly stated in your application.

The Jamaica Diocesan Committee for promoting Christian Knowledge has every claim on your support and encouragement.

I remain Revd Sir
Very faithfully Yours.

(Signed) Christopher Jamaica

Spanish Town
Nov. 22/30.

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Bishop of Jamaica's Circular

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(No 1)

Letter from the Revd C. H. Dalton to the Bishop explaining the refusal to license Mr Forbes to Moore Town

Abby Lond 18th May 1832

It is in the hope that you will kindly view the motives of my present address, and acquit me of the slightest intention of improperly intruding myself into your Lordship's counsels that I venture to approach you as a private individual, and address to intreat your earnest attention to the case of my young relative Mr Richard Forbes - I trust the fact of his being my cousin & one in whom I am much interested will be allowed to excuse, I would even hope to warrant my taking the liberty of addressing you upon the subject of the refusal of your Lordship's License to him as Catechist and Schoolmaster at Moore Town - I readily admit my Lord, that Mr Forbes might & ought to have acted with more prudence than he did in St Ann in the East, considering the bad characters & prejudices of the persons he had to deal with. He himself feels & ingenuously admits this. But it would be a hard measure of justice to him to make his confessions of error in this respect ground for bringing him in guilty of the whole or even a part of the charges brought against him and to operate to his perpetual exclusion from the employment for which he has peculiar qualifications & to which he is so devoted as to have renounced a profession in which he had considerable prospects of success. As to the charges themselves made by certain persons in St Thomas in the East Mr Forbes distinctly denies their truth - Here it therefore only a question of credence I would submit my Lord, that it should be given to him a man whose moral character there is not the shadow of a charge - in favour of whose moral character from personal knowledge the strongest testimony can be borne both by Mr Pantony myself - in preference to men of openly immoral lives & who have the evident motive of anger at their immorality being rebuked to induce them to falsify and misrepresent - But it is not merely a question of credence. The parties making the charges against him themselves furnish evidence to refute them - I would refer your Lordship to the affidavit made by one of the Bookkeepers at Handley for one instance of this - Mr Forbes is therein charged with having as nearly as I can remember the words - addressed certain expressions to the negroes of the Estate - What the maker of the affidavit meant to convey by this expression that which he has conveyed by it is the impression that Mr Forbes used seditious language to the body of the slaves upon the property, calculated to make them despise & resist the authority of their overseer. But what are the facts as shewn by the affidavit itself? The Bookkeeper who

it was "in his room" in the Bookkeepers barracks Mr Forbes in the hall! there the negroes of the Estate then assembled there! to have stated this would have been evident perjury - but is it less perjury to have left it to be inferred, and upon the foot of Mr Forbes's speaking to "10 little children, the eldest of whom was not 12 years of age" to bring to serious a charge agt him as is contained in that affidavit; I submit my Lord that on its own showing that affidavit is false, and cannot weigh a feather against Mr Forbes's declaration that he did not use the language attributed - I submit also that nothing but being under the influence of passion & the most ~~of his~~ misguided determined prejudice could have induced ~~him~~ the planters to make the ground of his dismissal without a hearing from the Estates upon which he was. Under an entire conviction of his innocence of all the charges alledged against him and that in the articles of precedence he would profit by the lapse received, ~~from~~ the Comm: of the 6th Mar continued him in Connection with them as one of the most efficient of their teachers. They were extremely anxious to have continued him in St Thos in the East where with your Lordships license notwithstanding the determined prejudices of some individuals they had hopes of again opening a door for his effectual & valuable instructions to the slaves, but when they found that your Lordship would not licence him there. they adapted the plan of sending him into another parish not among slaves but to a settlement of Maroons, conceiving that the same objections could not lie against his employment among them - And that they should thus be putting an end to the heats & prejudices which had unhappily been raised. hoping also that by a steady course of conduct & the faithful discharge of his duties to your Lordships satisfaction at Moore Town, advised guided & assisted by Mr Griffiths he would in a way thus open to obtain your favourable consideration and future usefulness - These, my Lord were the views of the Committee in his appointment to Moore Town - But it is not as a Member of that Com: that I address your Lordship. It has not met since my receipt of Mr Lits: and his letter ~~appointing me that Mr~~ Forbes would not be licenced - But it is as my young relatives friend that I venture to intreat you, my Lord to consider whether under these circumstances he may not with entire safety to the interest of the Church a consideration which must of course be paramount with your Lordship & with me to every other, yield such advantage to the people over whom he has been placed under the sanction of your licence at Moore Town

Mr Griffiths, Mr Burton, & I becoming the

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guarantee to your Lordship for the propriety of her conduct & the teaching of this principle both as a member of our Church & a teacher of religion. I hope & trust you will not think I am taking an improper liberty in urging this intreaty - which I make not only from an earnest desire to prevent the ruin of all my own relatives future prospects, but also to prevent the painful consequences which I foresee must result in mind & body of this Character if he is thus driven into a Court of Justice to seek against the parties who have deluded it to your Lordships, a compensation for the injury they have inflicted. I fear too that without your Lordships License which he will meet with considerable annoyance & opposition & more from his usefulness to the people will certainly be much circumscribed: so that it will scarcely be possible for him to secure one of the objects of his appointment there that of gaining your Lordships good opinion whatever unpleasantness that opposition may & prudence may very naturally however unjustly be ascribed to a continuance of the improper conduct on his part which it is now said has thus cut off his hopes in the East - If I have taken an improper liberty in this address or expressed myself in any way improperly, I throw myself upon your Lordships kindness to excuse & pardon me assuring you that I am actuated in it by no other motives than those which are consistent with the most perfect respect and with the consideration for your Lordships Office & person which ought to be and is felt by my Lord

Your faithful & obed[t] & obliged Serv[t]

C R Dallas

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The Bishop's Reply

(No 2)

Bishops Rein May 17th 1832

Dear Sir

I beg to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of yesterdays date - which I cannot consider in the light of a private communication since it relates to the conduct of my office in the case of a Teacher of Religion soliciting my License

I think it in justice to Mr Fowles (whom the writer of this never saw & did not know was your relative) to transmit your letter to the Rural Dean of Surrey & also has a copy of two affidavits sent to me last year on the subject - you explicitly deny the allegations of these affidavits which charge upon you Conduct incompatible with teaching religion to the Slave & therefore [illegible]

the Court of Justice would certainly have been the most Satisfactory refutation of such Charges but great imprudence on the part of this young man is admitted whilst the specific acts alledged are denied

Under all the circumstances of this case, as his services are unprepared for the Incumbency of another Parish, I must refer you to Mr Campbell & Mr Humphreys the Rector of Portland for a recommendation. On the assurance you give of the respectable Names you propose to guard & watch the conduct of a young man whose Imprudence might lead to bad consequences, I shall not feel disposed to withhold my License for Moore Town on the joint recommendation of the Rural Dean & Rector of the Parish - but I shall certainly withdraw that License if unfortunately an intemperate line of Conduct should again render Mr Forbes labours more than useless - I am however unwilling to anticipate such an unfavourable result for the present What has passed I trust Mr Forbes will be more discreet & prudent

I remain Dear Sir
very faithfully Yours
C Jamaica

To
The Revd C R Dallas

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The recommendation of Mr Humphreys was obtained & produced to the Bishop after some time has elapsed repeated applications were made to Mr Campbell for this & this is his final answer.

(No 3.)

Rectory Port Antonio 6th July 1832

My dear Sir

I have again brought the subject of your letter of the 4th instant under the notice of the Bishop. His Lordship still declines granting Mr Forbes his License for Maaretown, unless I as Rural Dean certify that I consider Mr Forbes a person of sufficient prudence & judgment to be entrusted with the religious instruction of the Maroon establishment at that place which I certainly do not feel myself warranted in doing

I remain dear Sir
Yours very faithfully
Alex Campbell

To The Revd C R Dallas

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This is a private letter from Mr Forbes to Mr Dallas subjoined to show what he was trying at Moore Town

No 4

Moore Town Portland
23rd June 1832

My dear Cousin

Mr Gripper the other day sent me up a letter which he had received from you containing a Correspondence between the Bishop and yourself in reference to my License —

I cannot sufficiently express my thankfulness

for the kind interest you have taken in me and must sincerely do hope and pray that I may be enabled to maintain by a consistent course the favourable ground you appear to have gained for me with the Bishop and not only on this account but for a higher motive. I am making application every day for my license which I am led to believe must be granted as Mr Humphries readily gave the necessary testimonial. A conversation which took place between Capt Knight and myself a few days ago has rendered me more anxious to obtain it than I otherwise should be. His conduct towards me has been and continues to be most kind and gentlemanly in fact more so than I could ever have expected. But in speaking the other day of Collins he mentioned that he had been licensed by the Bishop and asked whether I also had received one. I was forced to reply in the negative but added that I had reason to expect one shortly. He took no further notice of it but merely said that he hoped I would receive it for in that case it would be all he should require. This manner I took as an implication as to many terms that it would be absolutely necessary, need I say then that every post without a letter from me, renders me the more anxious for another. — I am quite delighted with my work and am glad to find the station is no sinecure. I may say that I am occupied from morning till night. The School opens at ½ p. 8 and continues until ½ p. 9 when most of the children and adults attend. an hour is allowed for Breakfast and after the School commences at ½ past 10 and continues until 3 Clock but at this time only the children attend. the number on the list amounts to about a hundred much less than I expected, when I first took charge of the station there were upwards of 20 or 30 names of children & adults upon the list who upon reference to the different monthly lists I found had ceased to attend for nearly 3 months. Under the circumstances I thought it best to scratch them off until they should make

their appearance and renew their promise of attendance - I find the greatest difficulty in getting them to School and I fancy Collins must have laboured under the same disadvantage indeed the lists plainly shew it which [illegible] accounts for their backwardness in reading for scarcely 6 of them can read what you would call fluents - I began the circulating class last week and am glad to find that it stirs them up and puts a little life in them - Notwithstanding the decrease of numbers in the total yet there is an increase in the average attendance amounting to upwards of 30 and which appears to be steady - so far as regards the School during the week. But the Sundays daily are more laborious - Independant of the School in the morning as on the week days, I give morning and evening service with two sermons and between the services I am occupied in hearing the children their catechism in the Knowledge of which they are lamentably deficient. but they state that they have not been accustomed to learn the Church catechism - The evening service closes the labours of the day. On Wednesday evening I have an even service like the one you have on Fridays and after 3 & 7 on each day in the week I employ my time for the most part in visiting and talking to the people - It is certainly a viable field to work in but alas my services are for the most part cold and listless and at times it seems to me that I am left without a motive that should I desire but an ardent love to my redeemer and his cause and arising from thence a desire to spend & be spent in his service - At times I can realize to myself the presence of God and then how delightful to be stayed upon his everlasting arm - My need of this at present is great. I feel the awful responsibility of the work in which I am engaged more than ever I did and if I do what my dear cousin must your feelings be whose responsibility is so much greater. How seems to be sure I have burst upon me and there I am without a [illegible] friend to speak to, but thanks be to God I can see his hand in it for now my thoughts have a freer access to him and are more exercised on heavenly things than they had used to be - As regards the temporal Comforts of life - I have every reason to be

Letter to the [illegible] Secretary in the Mission [illegible]

content, but as my paper is filling I must refrain from entering into any detail of these things - and you must enter and peep at me seated in my house 18 feet by 17 together with my cat my dog (who for the credit of my family live in perfect harmony and the elegant negligence displayed in the disposal of my furniture you would fancy me a bachelor of 60 or 70 years standing. Altogether in this respect I am very Comfortable - The Macraans are on the best of terms with me and could I depend upon their professions of regard I should not have any thing to fear on this score, but on the contrary much to flatter me they are the most indolent set of people I ever met with and are completely sunk into a state of Compound ignorance & ignorant of not aware of being so - Pray for me that my mission may be blessed to them - I much need your prayers as well as those of all my friends the bag who is to take this to the East is waiting, so I must hasten to a conclusion with Affte love to both my dear Mother believe me Your Affte attached

Alex. Forbes

I forgot to mention my studies are not altogether neglected - I attack Gratius at night and am making progress -

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Letter to the President Secretary in reference to the Maroon Stations Sir

(No 5)

Aha Town 7th July 1832

We have as Secretaries to the D & C Mission. to request that you will be good enough to lay before His Honour the President at your earliest convenience the following application, soliciting the interposition of his Authority to prevent the occurrence of any unpleasant collision between the Superintendants of the Maroon towns & the Catechists of the Society employed in affording religious instruction at those Stations - In making this application we beg to be permitted to refer to a correspondence the Society some time since had upon this subject with the late Governor, the Earl of Belmore - the tenor of which was as we understand that such direction would be given to the several Superintendants as would prevent any obstruction to the Labours of the Catechists, those strictly confining themselves to their duties as Religious teachers, and content

themselves peaceably & properly". It is not our intention to make any complaint of such obstruction having been given since the period of that correspondence, but by a recent communication from one of the Catechists we are made to apprehend that something of an unpleasant nature is likely to occur from the Superintendants not distinctly understanding that the Society's Catechists occupy those stations with the permission & approbation of the Government. Our object is therefore if we may, to prevent this and the injurious consequences which must follow any acts of opposition & hostility on the part of the Superintendant - Our application then to His Honor for the Society is that he would be pleased to cause it to be made known officially to the several Superintendants (especially to the Superintendant of Accompany) that the Societys Catechists conducting themselves peaceably & confining themselves strictly to their duties as Religious Teachers among the Maroons are not to be interfered with, or in any way obstructed by them in the discharge of these duties - Hoping that His Honor will be good enough to take our request into his early and favourable consideration, We have the honor to be - Sir - Your obt humble Servts

Geo Hainsley } Deacons
C M Wallas } 2d S.

We beg to mention that one of the Societies Catechists having resigned his station at Accompong Mr Ebenezer Collins hitherto stationed at Moore town in Portland has been lately sent thither - that Mr Richd Fowles is the Catechist at Moore town & Mr James Kins at Charles Town in St Georges

W Gl Nunes Esqr
Secty - Kings House

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Kings House
9th July 1832

Gentlemen

I have received and laid before his Honor the President, administering the Government Your Communication of the 4th Inst -

From your representation it appears that at present you have no complaint to make regarding any improper obstruction having occured through the interference of the Superintendant of Moore with the Society's Catechists; but that from

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same Communications you have received you are apprehensive of something unpleasant—

Until the instructions of Lord Belmore, to which you refer, have been discharged, His Honor considers it would be premature to add any directions for the guidance of the Superintendants— In the mean time his attention will be called to those Instructions, a Copy of which I send for your Information as to their extent— I am Gentlemen

Your obt Servt

W Gregg

To The Revd Mr Stainsby
The Revd Mr Dallas

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(No 7)

Extract of a letter from William Bullock Esqr to John Hylton Superintendant of Accompany dated 21 July 1830—

"When the order was sent to you not to permit any person to enter the Maroon Town without your permission or without an order from the Custos, it was intended to meet a particular case— alleged resistance to your authority and with some qualification that order must still continue in force, but in carrying it into execution it was not intended to prevent the family of the Catechist visiting him or residing with him as long as they conducted themselves with propriety and did not in any manner interfere with your Authority".

"In future whenever you have reason to complain of the conduct of the person who may be sent to Charles Town as a Religious Instructor of the Maroons you will take no time in forwarding a Representation of the circumstance to His Excellency the Governor; But whilst you are careful to prevent any interference with a Body of people, so easily excited and misled as the maroons; you will take care to avoid any expression of anger or dissatisfaction which may lower this person in the estimation of those whom he is appointed to instruct in the principles of Religion."

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The following are testimonials obtained by Mr. Forbes from the very persons who interdicted his visits to the Estates in St. Thos East. They were given with the view of his leaving the parish.

(No 8)

I am authorized by Mr McCormack to state that he never himself saw any thing in the conduct of Mr Forbes which in any degree tended to excite seditious or discontented feelings in the minds of the slaves, but that he has heard that Mr Forbes had acted improperly at Bonds & he was induced to sign the letter in which this Gentleman dismisses as a Catechist were dispensed with rather to pro-

the occurrence at Golden Grove of conduct similar to what was alleged to have taken place at Hordley than because any thing improper had already occurred.
Mr Mc Carnock also authorized me to state that in case of its being necessary for Mr Forbes's advancement he will make a similar declaration personably to the Lord Bishop: but that it would be inconsistent in him to sign any paper to this effect after having signed the letter which contains the accusations against Mr Forbes +

This applies to the preceding testimonial

Richard Pantin
Island Comm. of St. Thos East

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(No 9) Wheelerfield November 28th 1831

At the request of Mr Forbes I have no hesitation in stating that during the time he Catechized the children on this Estate (which I believe was about six Months) he conducted himself in an exemplary manner, and never to the contrary on the estate to my personal Knowledge He was regular in his attendance, and appeared to me to be zealous in the instruction of the children.

+W Forsyth

+ Overseer of Wheelerfield

I most willingly concur in Mr Forsyths statement as above, and am happy in being able to bear my testimony, to Mr Forbes' good conduct, in every respect, as regards this property while he Catechised here —

+Thomas Scott

+ Do. of Duckenfield

Duckenfield Novr 28th 1831.

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Stokes Hall 1st December 1831

My dear Sir

As you request of me to give my opinion of Mr Forbes while acting as Catechist on this Estate; I have no hesitation in saying that I never saw any thing improper in his Conduct, and I must say he was most attentive, and brought on the Children to my satisfaction.

My reason for joining in dispensing with Mr Forbes's services, was entirely owing to his not putting himself under the directions of the Lord Bishop, and what took place at Hordley Estate; which I am partly led to believe was occasioned by an over anxiety in the performance of his duty, of which he may now see his error.

Remain - My dear Sir
Yours truly
× J. Spranll

& Revd Richd Pantan
+ Attorney for Hawkes Hall

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(N 11)

My Dear Sir

I send herewith a few lines addressed to yourself respecting Mr Fawkes, which if you think will be of any use to him with the Bishop, or his friends in getting forward, I have no objection of yourself making use of them in that way, but I must request of you that they are not to be made public in any way whatever - With best respects to Mrs Pantan,

This applies to the proposed testimonial

Remain Yours truly
J Spranll

To
Revd R. Pantan
+ Hall
Thursday Nov 8

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Surveyor of Wakefield

Dr of Dewsbury

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Correspondence with the Bishop of Jamaica relative to his refusal to License Mr. Forbes as a Catechist.

Rec'd Ans: 7/34

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Church Missionary Rooms. Kingston
13th. June 1834.

1 My Lord;

I am directed by the Committee of the Jamaica Auxiliary Church Missionary Society to report to your Lordship the arrival of the Revd William Keeling Betts, whose letters of Orders have already been laid before you, and to address your Lordship upon the subject of a License for this Gentleman to officiate in this diocese. Acting as the Agents of the Parent Committee, the Auxiliary Committee are directed to solicit one from your Lordship according in its terms with the views and principles contained in their Memorial of the 7th Jany last, to which sufficient time has not yet elapsed to allow of their receiving your answer. In compliance with these directions, and for the purpose of enabling Mr Betts to take the Superintendence of schools in different parishes which the Committee would wish to place under his direction, I am now to solicit your Lordship to grant him such a license as will enable him to officiate "throughout the diocese" and will not be "revokable summarily". At the same time I am directed to inform your Lordship that Mr Betts is intended to be Stationed in the immediate neighbourhood of Kinchalva in Hanover, upon an application which has been made to the Committee by Mr George Gordon, Attorney for that and other properties adjacent, and we are to certify your Lordship that Mr Betts will be allowed an annual Stipend from the Society, payable quarterly by the Treasurer of the Auxiliary Committee in Kingston, of £300 Currency independent of certain allowances engaged to be made to him by Mr Gordon on behalf of the Proprietors of house, and servants, passage, and provisions.

I am, My Lord, respectfully
Your obdt & faithful Servt
(Signed) C R Dallas Secy to the JAC Mss

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Bishops Penn June 13. 1834

Dear Sir

I am directed by the Bishop to acquaint you in reply to your letter of this date, that his Lordship will grant the Revd WK. Betts a license similar in purport to those under which the Stipendiary Curates now act, on the proper testimonials being forwarded to me for his Lordship's inspection.

The Bishop is not willing to grant a licence that will enable Mr Betts to officiate throughout the Diocese, or that is not revocable summarily

I have the honor to be, Dear Sir, Your very faithful Servant,
(signed) G. D. Hill

To the Revd C R. Dallas.

№ 3. Revd G. O Still

Kingston June 14. 1834

Dear Sir.

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of yesterday's date in reply, by the Bishop's directions, to the one I had the honor of addressing to his Lordship as Secretary of S A & M Society on the subject of a license for the Revd W K. Betts. I express the feelings of the Auxiliary Committee in saying I extremely regret to find by this reply to our application that the Bishop is not "willing" to grant a license that will enable Mr Betts to officiate throughout the diocese, or that is not revokable summarily:- such a license being deemed by the Parent Committee so essential to the success of their Missionaries labours as to render it very doubtful if they will feel themselves at liberty to employ any portion of their funds in the maintenance of ordained Missionaries in a diocese where it is denied. The want of additional clergymen in this diocese, especially to officiate among the negroes who by tens of thousands are absolutely (and necessarily in the present state of things) without any ministrations of the church, is so great and urgent that any thing at all likely to prevent a promised addition to the number must be a cause of concern to all who are anxious for the spiritual welfare of the people, and who deem, as we do, that active, zealous, and faithful Ministers of our church are the best qualified to advance it. Under this feeling the Auxiliary Committee would on no account interpose any obstacle on their part to the commencement of Mr Betts's labours at the station for which he is designed, especially when they consider the delay which has already occurred in meeting Mr Gordon's anxious wishes for the ministrations of a clergyman of the Established Church among the people under his charge. They have indeed no power to settle the terms on which the Church Missionary Society will engage to devote a portion of its funds towards supplying the religious wants of this diocese. That is a point which the Auxiliary Committee must leave to be settled by the Bishop with the Parent Committee in England. No act of theirs therefore is to be considered as waiving on behalf of that Committee any principle, or claim which they have made the subject of memorial to the Bishop so as to bind the Society to continue its operations in this diocese without its being recognized, or to preclude its being again brought under his Notice by the Committee in any way they may think proper. But until their decision is known, and in order to supply the pressing wants of the negro population in the neighbourhood of Knockalva and to meet Mr Gordon's urgent wishes the Auxiliary Committee use the discretionary power given to them in this particular by the Parent Committee, and are anxious that Mr Betts should receive such a license for the parish of Hanover as his Lordship proposes to give. Their application for it, in this view, I have now to request you will be good enough to lay before the Bishop; mentioning at the same time that Mr Betts is ready and desirous to wait upon him for the purpose of taking and subscribing the necessary Oaths and declaration whenever it may be convenient to his Lordship to receive him.

We are not aware what are the "testimonials" alluded to in your letter, as

being necessary to be forwarded for his Lordship's inspection. When I had the honor of introducing Mr Betts to the Bishop upon his arrival his Lordship was informed by him that he had only brought with him his letters of Orders, and these were then submitted to his inspection; with these, and with his introduction to him by the Auxiliary Committee of the C.M.S. through me as its Secretary the Bishop expressed himself perfectly satisfied, saying that, "though it would have been better had he brought some letter to him, his letters of Orders, and this introduction he should consider sufficient." The fact is Mr Betts ministrations have hitherto been confined to Sierra Leone, where there is no Bishop, so that, the only testimonials he could bring are those given by the Committee of the Church Missionary Society under whom he was acting. If his Lordship wishes it in addition to the introduction to him of Mr Betts by the Auxiliary Committee already given, a certified copy shall be laid before him of the high character given of Mr Betts by the Parent Committee in their communications to the Auxiliary Committee as one who has long, zealously and faithfully laboured in the Ministry of the Gospel at Sierra Leone. Any other testimonial than this it is not in Mr Betts power, or that of the Auxiliary Committee to procure, without the delay of a reference home.

I am, my dear Sir &c

Signed / C R. Dallas. Secy. to C.M.S

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Bishop's Pen. June 14th 1834

Dear Sir

I am directed by the Lord Bishop to acquaint you in reply to your letter of this day, that he will have much pleasure in receiving Mr Betts at 10 o'clock on Monday morning, and if that Reverend Gentleman will be kind enough to bring with him the certified copy of such testimonials as you describe, his Lordship will direct the necessary oaths to be administered, and a license for the parish of Hanover to be forthwith made out that Mr Betts may be enabled to commence his labours at his earliest convenience.

As the countersignature of a Bishop is wanting on account of Mr Betts ministrations having been hitherto confined to Sierra Leone, it will be desirable that this particular should be mentioned in the testimonials, or that a separate document should be sent certifying in what place he has of late years officiated

Any further instructions the Bishop may wish to give Mr Betts will be delivered him with his license.

I am, Dear Sir, Your faithful Servant

(Signed) G. D Hill.

To Revd C R. Dallas.

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Church Missionary Rooms 16 June 1834

My Lord,

In compliance with your Lordship's wishes, as intimated in Mr. Hill's letter

of the 11th inst. I have the honor to subjoin a certified extract from a letter written by the secretary of the C.M. Society in England bearing testimony to the character and efficiency as a Missionary, of the Revd W.K. Betts, who is about to be licensed by your Lordship upon the nomination of that Society. In addition to this testimony in another communication from the Secretaries of the Parent Committee to the Auxiliary Committee, Mr. Betts is spoken of by them as having been "for nearly six years faithfully labouring in the Missionary service at Sierra Leone, where his residence "while it has been severely trying to his health, has nevertheless been the means "of furnishing him with much experience.". I am also to state that Mr. Betts never having officiated in any place where there has been a resident Bishop, his labours hitherto having been confined to the Colony of Sierra Leone, it is not in his power to offer such "testimonials" to his character and conduct, as are in ordinary cases required by you, from a Clergyman coming from another diocese, and seeking your Lordship's license to officiate in this.

I have the honor to be &c
"C. R. Dallas."

Delivered personally on Mr. Betts taking the oaths 16th June—

"Instructions with the Revd. W. K. Betts's License"

"Bishop's Pen June 17. 1834"

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"Dear Sir"

"I am directed by the Bishop to convey to you his instructions with reference to the duties, to enable you to perform which his Lordship's license is forwarded with this

"The Bishop desires to receive in every 6 months a report of the duties you perform, the estates you visit, the schools under your superintendence in your parish, the number and progress of the scholars, the character of the Teachers, and such other particulars as may suggest themselves to your own mind as likely to inform his Lordship most accurately of the state of religious instruction in your district, or to promote that desirable object."

"The Bishop also desires that attention may be paid to the several clauses of the Clergy Act for the regulation of the conduct of the clergy". —

You are probably aware of your subjecting yourself to penalties if you preach to a general congregation in an unlicensed and unconsecrated place of worship. Should a license be required, a petition setting forth the size, situation and preparation of the building proposed, and signed by the Rector, Churchwardens and other inhabitants should be presented to the Bishop for the purpose of obtaining it.

"The Bishop will always be ready to receive your communications, which any difficulties that arise, or guidance which you require may induce you to address him.

"Remain &c. signed. G. D. Hill." —

"To the Revd W.K. Betts"

J. Jamaica "ss". Christopher by divine permission Lord Bishop of Jamaica
To our beloved in Christ W.K. Betts. Clerk. Greeting.
We do by these presents give and grant unto you (in whose fidelity, morals, learning

sound doctrine, and diligence we do fully confide) our license and authority prevokable nevertheless summarily without legal proceeds) to perform the offici of Stipendiary Curate in the parish of Hanover in the County of Cornwall within our Diocese and Jurisdiction. in reading the Common Prayers and performing other Ecclesiastical duties belonging to the said office according to the form prescribed in the Book of Common Prayer made and published by the authority of Parliament of the realm of England and the canons and constitutions in that behalf lawfully established and ~~promulged~~ and not otherwise or in any other manner (you having first before us subscribed the Articles, taken the Oaths, and made & subscribed the declaration which in this case are required by law to be subscribed made and taken) we do by these presents assign unto you the yearly Stipend of £300 Currency payable Quarterly the said Stipend to be paid by the Treasurer of the Jamaica Auxy C M Society

In Witness whereof we have caused our Seal which we use in this case to be hereto affixed. Dated 17th day of June in the year of Lord 1834 and in the 10th year of our Consecration

Christopher Jamaica

Geo D Hill. Registar

8 Dear Sir

Spanish Town 19 June 1834

The Reverend Mr Betts has communicated to the corresponding Committee of the Jam C M Society the license granted him by the Bishop as "Stipendiary Curate" in the parish of Hanover together with your letter of the 17th instant conveying his Lordship's "instructions" in reference to the duties to enable him to perform which the license is given.

There are considerations arising out of the terms of the license and instructions which may render it inexpedient upon the Auxiliary Committee (as Agents of the C M S) to withhold from Mr Betts, as a Missionary of that Society, their consent to his acting under them, and as the corresponding Committee, consisting of only three members of the General Committee do not feel themselves authorized to decide upon so important a point, they deem it most respectful to the Bishop to state without any delay, that they are under the necessity of referring the questions now raised to the decision of the General Committee, a meeting of which has been called for the 25th inst. Jam therefore directed to make the circumstance known to you for his Lordship's information

The considerations alluded to refer chiefly to the two following points. The Bishop does not appear, either in the license, or in the accompanying instructions, to recognize Mr Betts in the character of a Missionary of the C M S. and we apprehend that the Auxiliary Committee cannot consent, under their instructions from the Parent Committee, to his ceasing to act in that character, and assuming that of a "Stipendiary Curate" with whom the Society is to have no other recognized connection than that of paying him a Salary assigned by the Bishop.

The 2nd point is, that it is essential to the success of the Society's labours in the Evangelization of the Negroes that their Missionaries should be able to "preach to a general congregation in an unlicensed and unconsecrated place of worship". Since it is every where in Jamaica difficult in the scheme to obtain buildings, to the licensing of which as places of public worship objections might be raised, either on the part of the Bishop, or on that of the proprietors themselves.

But your letter warns Mr Betts that by preaching in an unlicensed and unconsecrated place he will subject himself to penalties, and you assume from the insertion of this warning in the Bishop's instructions to him) also to his Lordship's displeasure. It becomes therefore a matter for the most serious consideration of the Auxiliary Committee how far they themselves will be justified in consenting, while there continues such an impediment to the prosecution of his labours, to Mr Betts undertaking them; it being more than probable that the Parent Committee will altogether decline to employ their funds in the support of Ordained Missionaries in this diocese until this effectual barrier to their usefulness shall have been removed.

In laying these observations before the Bishop, the Corresponding Committee direct me to state their deep regret at the possibility of such a conclusion being forced upon the Society in the present spiritually destitute state of the negro population of this Island, and their earnest hope that by his Lordship's assistance in such particulars as are within his power it may yet be avoided. I am dear Sir &c

C R. Dallas. Secy S P G in F

To Rev^d G D Hill.

9 Dear Sir. Bishops Roy June 20. 1834

I beg to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 19th inst, and am directed by the Bishop to observe to you, that the relation in which Mr Betts stands to his Diocesan appears to his Lordship to be properly expressed in his license; nor is he aware of any necessity therein implyed for his ceasing to act as an Ordained Missionary or Minister of the Established Church sent out by the Society which supports him.

The 2nd point is a question of Law, which the Bishop must administer, but over which he has no control. I need not add, that all wilful infringement of Law by the Clergy of his diocese must be displeasing to his Lordship. The enactment to which I take the liberty particularly to refer you is the 52 Geo 3rd c 155 inforced by the abolition act of 12th December 1833. I remain, my dear Sir &c

G. D Hill.

To the Rev^d C R. Dallas

10 Dear Sir June 25 th. 1834

The subject of my letter of the 19th inst. written by the direction of the Corresponding Committee of the Jamaica Auxiliary Church Miss^y Society having this day been brought before the General Committee; I am instructed by it, again to communicate with you as the Bishop's Secretary upon the subject of the license recently granted by his Lordship to the Rev^d W K. Betts. It is the Society's most anxious desire to promote by every means in their power the increased usefulness of our Church in this Island, as an instrument for the evangelization of the negroes, and they are aware that they can best do this by employing their funds in supporting an increased number of her Ministers among them. It is however impossible for

the Parent Committee

as agents of the C M Society to consent to Mr Bett's acting as one of their Missionaries under the license now granted, and they feel themselves obliged to state in the most respectful manner, that unless his Lordship, upon their urgent representation of the case, will be pleased to give one more consonant with the views and objects of the Society, they must, as such Agents decline giving their consent however painful it is to their feelings to determine upon such a result. In the hope that it may yet be avoided, the Committee would most humbly suggest that the first of the two points raised by the terms of the license, and by the accompanying "instructions" might be satisfactorily arranged if the license, instead of stating that Mr Betts is authorized "to perform the Office of a Stipendiary Curate in the parish of Stanmore" were to designate him by his real character, described in your letter of the 20th inst., and authorize him "to perform the office of an Ordained Missionary of the Established Church (in connection with the C M Society) in the district of Knockalva, in the parishes of Stanmore, St James & Westmoreland in the County of Cornwall &c. By the words "an ordained Missionary of the Established Church in connection with the C M Society" the Society would obtain that which the Parent Committee deems essential to the success of its appeals to the British public on behalf of its Missions, — an express recognition by the Bishop of its Missionaries as acting in connection with the Society: And the words in "the district of Knockalva" whilst they would enable Mr Betts to instruct the people at those places in its immediate neighbourhood in the parishes of St James & Westmoreland where facilities will be afforded, the Committee humbly submit, would so circumscribe his Ministry within a given circle as to meet the Bishop's objection to grant the Society's Missionaries a more general license. With respect to this point therefore, the Committee hope that his Lordship will be induced (the "principles" referred to in the Society's memorial of the 7th January remaining to be finally settled between him and the Parent Committee) to grant Mr Betts a license in the terms now proposed, by which his labours, so expressly called for and urgently required, may be immediately secured to the large and at present, in a Spiritual sense, totally destitute negro population around Knockalva.

Upon the 2nd point it is not so easy to suggest a means of overcoming the difficulty raised by the Bishop's instructions to Mr Betts. The Committee are fully aware that it involves "a question of law". If however an act of Parliament which was intended to remove disabilities from the dissenters, and to grant them facilities for their public worship and religious ministrations is from its ambiguous wording to be invoked, as subjecting to penalties, Clergymen of the Established Church who are only and most conscientiously using the best, indeed here, the only opportunity afforded them of instructing the negroes in religious truth according to the doctrines and principles of that Church, it is at once evident that, as Churchmen, they must relinquish the attempt, and leave the field of labour to be exclusively

occupied by the Dissenters to whom it is thus exclusively secured. Such a state of the law must loudly calls for a remedy, especially in a diocese circumstanced as this is where in 99 cases out of 100 of pressing necessity, it is, and must for some time to come, remain a matter of absolute impossibility to obtain buildings which can be licensed as places of public worship. The obstacle here opposed to the labours of clergymen of the Established Church among the negroes lies not merely in the way of those in connection with a Missionary Society; it must equally impede the ministrations of every Rector and Curate in the Island in those parts of their respective parishes which are at considerable distances from their churches and chapels, and where no licensed building can be obtained. There is not a parish in the Island where there are not many such situations occupied by a large population of the poor ignorant slaves, who, if this act is to remain in force against the clergymen of the Established Church, must be left by these to be instructed by the dissenters, or to perish in their ignorance. Under these circumstances we cannot but confidently hope that the Bishop himself will take measures to deliver the clergy of his diocese from trammels, which if permitted to remain around them, and their ministrations among the negroes, must effectually chain down their exertions and compel them to remain inactive whilst they see other labourers in the Lord's vineyard endeavouring to cultivate every spot around them. But till the law is changed in this particular, as we trust it soon will be, the Auxiliary Committee would humbly submit that Mr Betts will be guilty of no such "wilful infringement" of its spirit as should subject him to his diocesans displeasure when he preaches to a general congregation in the district of Knockalva in an unlicensed and unconsecrated place. The Bishop is aware that this district was the principal scene of the late unhappy rebellion. At that time all the buildings on it were destroyed, and none have been since erected but for the necessary purposes of the properties and estates. Mr Gordon's offer to meet the immediate pressing demands for religious instructions among the negroes under his charge is as follows " The Hospital at Knockalva shall be cleaned and emptied every Sunday to be made a place of worship, and be ready any or every day through the week, either as a school or chapel for instruction at particular times. As soon as I can prepare another hospital the present building shall be devoted entirely to the purposes of a chapell and school". Now even if Mr Gordon would consent that the Hospital of Mr Malcolm's Estate should be regularly licensed as a place of public worship (which it is not at all probable that he either will or can do) the Committee could never think of offering such a place to the Bishop for his license, however gladly they may consent to their Missionary availing himself of it for the purpose of proclaiming the glad tidings of a Saviour to those who can have no other opportunity of hearing of him.

The Committee would also respectfully call his Lordship's attention to the third clause of the Act in question (52 G 3rd ch. 155) which shows that when public worship is held in an unlicensed building with the consent of the occupier the Clergyman officiating is not amenable to the law, the penalty then falls on the occupier. Now if Mr G be not unwilling to subject himself to this liability (which we feel assured would never be enforced) the Committee earnestly hope that his Lordship will not by subjecting Mr Betts to the penalty of his displeasure (the only obstacle which in such a case would remain) render it imperative upon him and upon them to abandon the intention of his ministering at Knockalva and thus leave its large surrounding negro population still destitute of every means of that instruction which at this peculiar crisis of the Colony it is in the highest degree necessary to afford them. In laying these views before his Lordship the Committee hope that they have not failed to do so in the most deferential and respectful manner.

I am dear Sir &c

Yours faithfully

C. R. Dallas.

To the Revd G D Hill.

11 Dear Sir: June 27. 1834

I beg to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 25th inst., and am directed by the Bishop to acquaint you, that he has objections to the use of the word "Missionary" as a distinguishing term applied to a Clergyman of his diocese. His Lordship therefore declines the adoption of the alteration suggested in your letter.

On the second point involving the question of law, I can only refer you to my former letter on the same subject.

His Lordship desires that this may be considered his final decision on these points.

I remain &c

G. D. Hill.

To Revd C R. Dallas

12. My Lord. Kingston June 28th. 1834

It has been signified to me by the Committee of the Jamaica Auxiliary C M Society that they cannot give their consent to my acting under the License and letter of instructions which I have received from your Lordship; on the ground that I am not therein recognized as a Missionary in connection with the Church Missionary Society; and also as the letter of instructions intimates that I shall incur your displeasure if I officiate in an unlicensed or unconsecrated building; which restriction precludes me from exercising my ministry at the Station assigned me in the neighbourhood of Knockalva

I am therefore under the very painful necessity of returning the License, and thus ceasing to act for the present as a Clergyman of your Lordships diocese.

I beg to assure you that in taking this step, the necessity of which I deeply regret, I desire to do it in the most respectful manner, Nothing would have afforded me greater pleasure than to have laboured under your Lordships sanction as a Missionary among the ignorant Negroes of this Island; instructing them in those divine truths of our holy religion, which are so calculated to prepare them for their complete emancipation from slavery, and for the enjoyment of the blessings of the life to come.

I am, Your Lordships
most obedient Servant
(Signed) W.K. Betts.

Extract from the Clergy Law passed 12th Dec. 1833, & now in force in the Island of Jamaica.—

XXXVI "And be it enacted by the authority aforesaid, That no minister of the establish church, except the rectors and curates of the several parishes in this Island, appointed by the governor, or person executing the function of governor, shall be permitted to take charge of any congregation, or to officiate in any consecrated or licensed place of worship without the license of the bishop: Provided nevertheless, that nothing in this act contained shall extend to any private or domestic chaplain, whose ministerial services shall be bona fide confined to any particular estate or plantation."

Extract from Auxiliary Committee meeting 28th June 1834

"The meeting adjourned to Saturday morning the 28th June when having met the Secretary read a letter from the Rev. G.D. Hill in reply to the one written by directions of the Committee upon the subject of the Bishop's license of the Reverend W.K. Betts.

"Resolved." "That however painful it is to the feelings of this Committee to abandon the prospect of providing for the spiritual wants of the negro population at Knockalva it is impossible for them to consent to Mr Betts acting as their Missionary under such a license as the Bishop has been pleased to grant, and under the restrictions stated in his accompanying instructions to Mr. Betts. That this resolution be communicated to Mr Betts with a request that he will in the most respectful manner return the License.—

Jamaica: June 10th 1834.

Correspondence between the Rev.ds Jamaica & Com.e respecting the Location of the Rev.d H.K. Wells at Stockhalms

Edward Coates Esq.re Chairman of Com.e

Edward Coates Esq.re Secretary of Com.e

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Jamaica

I George Gordon Attorney of Neill Malcolm Esq am absent from this Island do hereby appoint the Rev. M. K. Bathe an ordained Missionary of the Established Church in connexion with the Church Missionary Society to be the Private and domestic Chaplain to Mr Malcolm Pen or Plantation in the parish of Manchester the property of the said Neill Malcolm Esq for which his ministerial services shall be bona fide employed

Given under my hand & Seal this 1st of July

George Gordon - LS

Atty to Neil Malcolm

Kingston 3rd July 1834

My Lord.

I beg leave to apprize your Lordship that Mr Gordon (having been informed of the obstacles in the way of my ministering at Knockalva by the Committee of the S.C.M. Society, without obtaining their consent to my acting under the License & Letter of orders received from your Lordship) has sent up to me a requisition to act as private Chaplain on Mr Malcolm's Estate at Knockalva.

I beg further to state that the Auxiliary Committee have assented to my accepting this appointment for the present which it is their opinion I can do with propriety under the Provision of the 36th Clause of the Clergy Act.

I have therefore enclosed the requisition for your Lordship's perusal, & beg respectfully to state that I purpose taking it under this temporary measure by which I may discharge my duty & fulfil the vows that are upon me as a Minister of the Gospel, & at the same time meet the pecuniary claims

of Mr Gordon to supply the negroes under his charge with the min-
-istrations of a Clergyman of the Established Church.

I beg leave to ask if it is your Lordships pleasure that I shall
report to your Lordship the duties I may there perform, & of the state
& progress of the schools which it is intended to found under the superin-
-tendance of Mr Gordon's management by the 6th hereof, and which will be under
my inspection as their Missionary

I have the honor to be
my Lord &c &c
W K Betts

To the Honble &
Right Revd the Lord Bishop

Kingstown July 4th

Dear Sir

I am directed by the Bishop to acknowledge the receipt of your
letter of the 2nd inst enclosing to his Lordship your appointment as private
and domestic Chaplain to Kare le alva plantation in accordance with
the provisions of the Clergy law - Your appointment shall be forwarded to
the Registry Office, unless you desire it should be retained by you.

I am also to say the Bishop wishes satisfaction to know of your
success in the duties you are about to undertake, that you may
be enabled to receive your periodical reports, or any other communication which
may afford him a more intimate acquaintance with the state of
the people thus placed under your charge -

I am dear Sir
your faithful Servant
G. C. Hill

To the Revd W. K. Betts

D Coates Esq. King's Lane Jamaica 3 July 34

My Dear C

I avail myself of the opportunity of a
vessel sailing from this port this day, to put you
in possession of the doings of the Deputation
in the matter of Mr Betts. Upon the receipt of Mr
Jordan's Nomination, No 1. the Com recommended
Mr B to forward it to the Bp. with No. 2 and
adjourned to allow time for an answer. The
altered tone in which that answer No. 3 was couched
surprised us not a little; and we were of
opinion that it appeared to indicate an
apprehension on his Lordship's part of having
not acted very advisedly in attempting to
such heavy shackles upon the Missionaries.
Be this as it may, Mr Betts proceeds to Knockalva
where we doubt not he will find the minds clear.
The great principle for wh we were contending, has
not in our judgement been at all compromised
by this arrangement. The Com in desire me to urge
the despatch of the other Missionaries intended for
this Island with as little delay as possible since
we can now call in the aid of the precedent thus
established and introduce them at once into
active service. Never perhaps my dear Sir
was the cry of the Man of Macedonia more

Kingston, July 5/34.

Rev. G. Griffiths

with

Correspondence relative to the

Rev. W. K. Betts Appointment

as Domestic Chaplain

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London, Feb 23. 1834

Gentlemen.

I enclose a letter addressed to you by the Bishop of Jamaica in reply to a Memorial of the Society, and other documents transmitted by me to his Lordship

about the end of last

January. The circumstance

of the Bishop's absence

on his Visitation when

it arrived in Jamaica

will account for the

delay of his answer,

which I have also

detained for a few days,
that I might show it
to the Bishop of
Barbados, before it was
forwarded to its
destination.

Requesting you to lay this
communication before
Her Church Missionary

Society, I remain

Gentlemen

Your very obedt. humble Servt

W. Cathcart.

To the Secretaries

of the Church Missionary

Society.

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Rec'd July 23/34

Bishops' Pen. Kingston. Jamaica
May 16. 1834

Com. July 26/34

Gentlemen

On my return to this Island from the Bahamas I found your Memorial of the 4th of January last, transmitted to me by the Archbishop of Canterbury, together with copies of a correspondence between his Grace and the Church Missionary Society of the 4th and 24th of the same month.

I have given my best attention to these important documents, and I trust I shall obtain credit for a sincere desire to increase, by all safe and practicable measures, the means of religious instruction, which the approaching change in the State of Society here so imperiously demands. In replying to this Memorial it is a matter of much satisfaction to me, that the Archbishop himself has been graciously pleased to become the medium of communication between us: and my anxiety is

much relieved, in having the advantage of such high authority conjointly with that of the Bishop of London, on points, on which I shall be glad to have my opinions either confirmed or corrected by their mature judgment. I feel confident, that, under the sanction of such elevated station in the Church, no concessions will be recommended, compromising any essential and fundamental principles of ~~the~~ ecclesiastical discipline, or derogating from that office, the duties of which I have so solemnly engaged to perform, and the powers of which I am not at liberty to surrender.

Within these restrictions I shall gladly avail myself of the assistance and cooperation of a body of Missionaries properly instructed in the doctrine and discipline of the Church, and duly qualified from their previous education and habits to meet the peculiar exigencies of this Diocese. Concurring in the observation of the Committee, that "it seems "not unreasonable, that the regulation" "of its proceedings, excepting what is" "purely of an ecclesiastical or Ministerial" "nature, should be under the controul" "of the Committee", and encouraged by

Jol: of Assm: 1818.

the repeated avowal of the solicitude of the Society
to "impart religious instruction according to the" Fol: 1
"principles of the Church of England," I proceed
to the examination of those "partial modifica-
-tions of the ecclesiastical arrangements of
"our Church," which the Committee propose
with a view to remove those "impediments," Fol: 1
"under the pressure of which" they allege
"the Society's operations to have been seriously"
"obstructed."

I must call to the recollection of
the Committee, that they are addressing them-
-selves to a Diocese divided into Parishes, X 50 miles long
with a resident parochial Clergy, under
the protection and guidance of a law, Vid: 4 Will: & c 141. & others.
which I am equally bound to obey.
To a Church so constituted many of their
introductory observations are wholly inap-
-plicable: nor have they convinced me
of the necessity for so unlimited a range
of operation, in order to give full efficacy
to the labours of Missionaries in an Island,
in every quarter of which are large unoc- X
-cupied districts affording ample scope
for their utmost zeal and ability. And
here I cannot help regretting, that
the recommendation of the Primate, "to" Fol: 3
"state generally the views of the Committee"
"in reference to the Society's proceedings"
"in the West Indies", has not been more
fully complied with, and strictly adhered

to, under that division of the memorial.

With respect to the first obstacle mentioned by the Committee with reference to the Ordination of Ministers, and the measures they propose for it's removal, the best interests of the Church and the most solemn duties of my Office concur in rendering it imperative on me, to secure, by a valid title, the decent maintenance and support of the Ministers of religion, and some "certain place where they may "exercise their function." The experience of nine years with respect to the Candidates for holy Orders, and more particularly the circumstances attending the unsuccessful applications made at the last general Ordination, have only tended to confirm me in the opinion, that the honour of God and the stability of the establish=ment are both seriously involved in this question. I am therefore very unwilling to incur the responsibility of departing from the wise and salutary provisions of the 33rd Canon, and thereby leaving my Clergy to a capricious or precarious source of income.

v.d 33rd Canon X

Dr Hanna -

Any private arrangements however between the Bishop of London and myself, as to Missionaries ordained by him being employed in this Diocese,

CW/O 24/1/13

will be entertained by me with every wish to encreate the efficiency of the Establish-ment, and I will take an early opportunity of communicating with his Lordship on the subject.

With respect to the second obstacle, and the "Missionary's receiving a licence to enable" "him to exercise his Ministry in any part" "of the Diocese," with "the complete freedom" "of movement" alluded to in the memorial, I have to remark, that an ecclesiastical discipline so undefined would leave the Missionary the judge of the propriety of his removing, instead of the Ordinary. He might desert a congregation at his will, and thus the districts and flocks of the National Church would be entirely at the mercy and caprice of their teachers. Nor are there in Jamaica "migratory tribes" or any other circumstances that occur to my mind, that render this freedom of movement necessary. The disposition of the public provision for the Church Establishment might thus be thwarted and interrupted by itineracy. And the description of the "State of Society in" "the West Indies," contained in the 16th Fol: of the memorial, affords additional argument, as well for the certainty and independence of the Stipend, as

for a close and intimate relation with the power that can protect as well as reprove.

Licenses have been and may be framed, on a proper representation of the case to the Ordinary, of so comprehensive a nature as to meet the objections alluded to in the Memorial Fol. 16 L 9, without violating known and fundamental principles of Church Government. With respect to estates situated in different Parishes, Curates and Catechists who officiate in Port Royal, St Davids, and St Marys, are, according to this practice, exercising their functions each in his neighbouring Parish. My objection is, not to such partial "modifications" as the state of Society may require in a Diocese under peculiar circumstances, but to an irresponsible Society, in the stead of the Ordinary, being the judge of these circumstances and framing his licences accordingly.

The power of revoking a licence at pleasure I cannot resign; being well assured, that no benefits can be purchased from any "footing" or "system" of a Society, equivalent to the loss of so necessary a support of ecclesiastical authority in a Colony. All licences

here must be summarily revocable, and as the Bishop has been selected as the authorized and responsible judge, it is due to himself to retain the only available means of executing his judgements. Measures are already in progress to facilitate the due administration of Ecclesiastical discipline, and the Diocesan in Jamaica is not exempt from those securities which the State as well as the Church has generally provided against hasty or partial decrees, which the State as well as the Church has generally provided.

From the decisive tone assumed as to the "course the Committee consider it necessary "to pursue in future in reference" to Catechists, I shall merely observe, that, if my sanction is required to introduce and support the instructions of a layman among the people, I feel assured, that the Committee, who so "unequivocally desire that I should hold the" "most entire and absolute discretion in" "judging of the ministerial qualifications" "of the candidates for Holy Orders," will also see the necessity of my being satisfied of the character and fitness of persons to become lay teachers under my formal and solemn sanction.

In conclusion I would observe, that the views expressed in the memorial on the subject of ecclesiastical control seem not to maintain their consistency throughout. It appears difficult to reconcile the "Missionary"

Fol: 15 "ipso facto placed completely under the"
"ecclesiastical authority of the Ordinary", and
the "candidate for Ordination for Missionary"
"employment — — — subject only to the restric-
Fol: 14 "ted exercise of the Bishop's discretion"
"as to his qualifications for the Ministry",
and having his "proceedings conducted"
Fol: 10 "by the Committee." My decision on the
subject of the Memorial, however unhesitatingly
opposed to the proposals contained in it,
appears to be confirmed by the principle of
the Law for the abolition of Slavery, and
the more strict conformity thus produced
of the civil State of Society with the rules
of ecclesiastical discipline. Regulated by
this discipline more than 60 Clergy and
the same number of lay teachers are at
present employed in the Diocese, and I
fearlessly assert, not without effecting great
good and diffusing the blessings of religious
instruction among an extensive and improving
population. To increase these general means
under the common regulations of the Diocese,
it will afford me unfeigned gratification to
receive the cooperation of common labourers
in the Church: but to depart from her whole-
some polity, and to compromise her integrity
by unwarrantable concessions, would be to
surrender that position, in which I am placed
for her protection and safeguard.

I have the honor to be
Gentlemen
Your obedient Servant
C. Jamaica.

The Rev^d William Jowett
& Coates
Secretaries to the Ch. Miss^y
Society

(W.O. 20/1/135)

Rec'd Oct 18/16

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Bishop's Lodge

6th Sept. 1836

Revd Sir

I am directed by the Lord Bishop of Jamaica to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of 1st July, conveying to his Lordship certain resolutions of the committee of the Church Missionary Society with reference to the late secession of the Revd C. J. May from that Society.

His Lordship altogether declines making himself a party to any differences that may occur between the Society and its Missionaries in his Diocese.

His Lordship was pleased to accept the Revd J. C. May, as the curate of the Rector of St Georges, during his absence, having first obtained full proof of his being duly ordained and satisfactory testimonial of his conduct.

I have the honor to be

Revd Sir

Your Obt humble Servt

William Reed

The Revd William Jowett.

Bishopsbridge, Oct 16 1836

Rev. H. Reed.

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The Remains

of

William Cowper Esq.

Church Missionary House

London

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2 Rec'd Jan. 10/37 No. 1
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Jamaica

Bishops Lodge
4th October 1836

Revd Sir

It being reported to the Bishop that you have neglected your own duty at Moore Town in order to perform service in the Bath Chapel, His Lordship desires me to say that for the future, you are to undertake no duties which interfere with those assigned you, without his knowledge and permission.

His Lordship requests that you will transmit to him as early as possible an extract of your book of duties for the last quarter, and also for the future continue

to send in a quarterly extract from the same.

I remain Reverend Sir

Your Obt

Humble Servt

William Reed

Reverend

Richard Foster

Rec'd Lodge, Oct 4/36

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Com. M. Reed to Lt. R. Lowndes

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Lt. Lowndes

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Capt. Harris

U.S. Naval Station Baltimore

From Port Mahon

Rec. Aug. 25/36

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Copy of Correspondence

(No. 1.)

X

"Bishop's Lodge
4 Oct. 1836.

"Reverend Sir

I am directed by the Lord Bishop to acquaint you that he is under the necessity of withdrawing your leave of absence from this date, & that you are consequently to return to residence in the Parish of St. Thomas in the East, & the performance of your own duties.

The least penalty his Lordship feels himself called upon to inflict for the many omissions of the several services in the Bath Chapel during the last Quarter, is to debar you from obtaining the Salary for that period. This you have already, on your own accord, expressed yourself prepared to relinquish, without appearing to consider that no loss of this kind, sustained by an individual, can in any way compensate for the injury done to the interests of religion & the discipline of the Established Church.

His Lordship also desires me to bring to your remembrance that your leave of absence was granted on the understanding that your duties were to be efficiently & punctually performed by a proper substitute. It was never contemplated that another Clergyman should neglect his own duty to perform those at Bath. A Locum tenens who cannot discharge another's duty without neglecting his own cannot be a proper one, & for the future such an arrangement, when discovered, will subject both parties to such penalties as may be inflicted for the offence.

His Lordship desires that you will transmit to him an extract of your Book duties for the last six months, & also for the future, till further orders are issued, a monthly extract of the same.

I remain,
Reverend Sir
your most obdt. Servt.
(signed) William Reed "

The Rev^d
R. Fenton

(No. 2)

Ch. House - Kingston
Oct. 11th - 36 -

"Reverend Sir

I yesterday received your letter of Oct. 4th - : & now beg, in justification of myself, to lay the following statement before the Bishop.

His Majesty's Government having been pleased to grant to the C. Ch. S. a considerable sum of money for the purpose of building School-houses in Jamaica, the Soc: 's Cor: Com: in this Island found it necessary to appoint some individual of their body to superintend, & expedite the erection of the buildings, & the efficient organization of the Schools to be conducted in them. They therefore requested me, as their Secretary, to undertake this office for one year: - engaging, on their part, that while I was thus occupied in their service, one of the Society's Missionaries should perform my duties, as Curate of St. Thos: in: Each: & as a first step towards effecting this arrangement a deputation (of the Revd Mr. Jones & myself) waited on the Bp: to obtain his Lordship's concurrence. - The circumstances were fully explained to his Lordship: & it was clearly understood that one of the Society's Missionaries should perform the duties of my Curacy during my absence; - The Revd Mr. Moore, who had been licensed to minister in the Portmoroch District of St. Thos: Cath, being named. - The Bishop was pleased to concur in this arrangement; & gave me the necessary leave of absence for one year.

Soon after the discharge of the business I had undertaken: & while thus engaged at the Eastern end of the Island, the Revd Mr. Moore was taken with a severe & dangerous illness - so dangerous that his Medical Advisers insisted on his immediately leaving the Island. - After his departure another of the Society's Missionaries, the Revd Mr. Forbes, was requested, according to the previous arrangement, to take my duty: but as the Committee were most unwilling to interrupt Mr. Forbes's labours at his own Station, they desired me, as speedily as possible, to enter into arrangements with some other Clergyman of the Island to perform my duties; & Mr. Forbes was requested to undertake them only for a limited number of weeks. (His Lordship is aware that I am in treaty with the Revd Mr. Littlejohn, who, I had reason to hope, would shortly be at liberty from his present engagements.) The Revd Mr. Forbes during the months of July, & for the first week in August, performed my Sabbath duties alternately with his own: but as dissatisfaction was expressed, he has since officiated at Bath every Sunday.

I cannot but suppose that the Bishop was aware that Mr. Forbes was performing any duties. His Lordship was acquainted with the circumstances of Mr Moore's departure: his lordship was also aware that I was subsequently still resident in this neighbourhood: for not only had I frequent interviews with his lordship; but I also with his knowledge took on one occasion your duties at the Parish Church of Paignton, in order to enable you to accompany him on a tour through part of the Diocese; - & I was, by motion of the Bishop in the Committee of the Christian Knowledge Society, placed on the Standing Committee of that Body, the duties of which can only be performed by a person residing in this immediate neighbourhood. - I cannot suppose that the Bp. imagined, that my Chapel was closed during all this time - particularly when the arrangement had been made, & sanctioned, that one of the Society's Missionaries should take my duty.

Nor had I any reason to suppose that the performance of my duty by the Rev^d Mr. Forbes would be regarded by the Bishop as a breach of discipline: because the instances in the Diocese of one Clergyman being permitted to undertake the duties of another conjointly with his own, as a temporary measure, are numerous. It would be a loss of time to enumerate all. I will only refer to that of the Rev^d Mr. Griffiths, who, being a Stipendiary Curate, was permitted to undertake also the duties of the Rector of Portland: & at that time the Bishop's Chaplain, the Rev^d Mr. Bolton, Rector of St. George's, finding it necessary to leave the Island, Mr. Griffiths was permitted to undertake his duties also; & was then, I believe, in charge of two Parishes at the same time. And, I believe, at the present moment the Brother of his Lordship's Secretary "(the Rev^d Hugh Reed)" is Island Curate of Bere; & also the representative of the Rector of that Parish during his absence from the Island. - With these instances (which I hope are correctly stated) & many others before me, I could not suppose that the performance of my duties by Mr. Forbes (one of the Society's Missionaries) was a breach of discipline. I had hoped that the grace, which has been so frequently & kindly extended to others, would not have been denied to me.

But if the Bishop considered that I was so culpable in this matter, any intimation from his Lordship to that effect would have been immediately attended to - would have been regarded in the light of kind warning - & would have commanded a willing

obedience: but I cannot but feel that without any warning - without any idea, after the arrangement made, that I was incurring his Lordship's displeasure, I am suddenly censured, & deprived of my income: & this in a manner so harsh, & in language (which I cannot attribute to his Lordship's Secretary) so utterly discourteous, that nothing but my very high respect for his Lordship's Office prevents my further characterizing them.

In your letter there are these words, "A locum tenens, who cannot discharge another's duty without neglecting his own, cannot be a proper one; & for the future such an arrangement, when discovered, will subject both parties to such penalties as may be inflicted for the offence." Where words convey an imputation, the most unworthy & injurious, I must be permitted, to say, that they do not in any way apply to me.

I have not disobeyed any injunction from my Diocesan. - I have not disregarded any warning: - I have not slighted any advice. I have not absented myself from the sphere of my labours through any idle carelessness - but the contrary, I left that sphere for a time to undertake much more onerous duties for the general benefit of the Diocese: - & I did not enter on these duties until I had previously obtained the sanction of my Diocesan, & his leave of absence. - The performance of the duties of my Curacy has been in some degree interrupted (& an occurrence which his Lop. cannot regret as much as I do:) but it has been caused by an event, which no human power could control. - I cannot therefore but hope, that when his Lordship has considered this statement, he will not regard my conduct as culpable: but will rather be pleased to withdraw his censure; & allow me a short time to make arrangements, under his Lordship's approbation, for the regular performance of my duties; while I continue my endeavours to carry into effect the wishes of his Majesty's Government, & the benevolent intentions of the Church Missionary Society.

If in this letter I have used any expressions, which may not meet his Lop's approbation, I beg that he will attribute it to the warmth of injured feeling - not to intentional disrespect. It is impossible that I can tacitly admit such serious imputations against myself. I am &c (signed) Rich.d Taunton

P.S. I beg to state that his Lop. altogether mistook my meaning, when he supposed that I had expressed any willingness to relinquish my Stipend. I never contemplated any such result. I said that I had not asked for my Stipend until a permanent arrangement for the performance of my duties had been

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## No. 3

Bishop's Lodge 14th Oct.r 1836

Reverend Sir,

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 11th Instant, & to inform you that I have laid it before the Bishop.

His Lordship desires me to say, that the instances you have brought forward, in justification of your own conduct, of certain Clergymen having been permitted to perform for a time the duties of other Clergymen absent on leave, bear no analogy whatever to your case; & also that the facts admitted by yourself only confirm the opinion that your duties have been frequently & unnecessarily neglected. His Lordship, therefore, cannot retract any thing contained in my letter to you of last week. You are particularly requested to give your earliest attention to the injunction respecting the Book of duties.

I have the honor to be, Rev.d Sir,

Your most obedient Servant,

(Signed) William Reed.

To the Rev.d R. Panton.

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## No. 4.

Kingston 20th Oct.r 1836.

My Lord,

Your Lordship is, I presume, acquainted with the correspondence which has passed between Y.r Secretary & myself on the subject of the performance of my duties at Bath Chapel during the last Quarter. It is with great pain & surprise that I have received the notice of Y.r Lordship's displeasure - & of the censure & deprivation of income, which your Lordship has thought it necessary to inflict on me. I can only say that had I been in the least degree conscious that I was incurring the censure of my Diocesan, I would have done all in my power to remove the cause of offence. It is also a source of consolation to me to be permitted to re-mind your Lordship that this censure has not been inflicted on me for wilful disobedience, or for idle neglect of duty: for I have been during the last quarter most anxiously engaged in the discharge of duties, which I undertook with your Lordship's sanction.

The sudden & unexpected withdrawal of my leave of absence however, places me in a most distressing and difficult situation. With the nature of the duties I have undertaken

in furtherance of the views of the English Government, & of the Church Miss^y Soc^y your Lordship is acquainted. They are onerous & responsible; & a very large sum of money (not from the funds of the Government only, but a much larger sum from those of the Society) is involved in the plan. In the execution of this plan I am now deeply engaged. For its proper performance the corresponding Com^ee in Jamaica is answerable to the Society in England, & that Body again to his Majesty's Government: & if I now suddenly leave plans already commenced, there is no person at liberty into whose hands we can entrust their execution, & the greatest confusion & loss will consequently ensue: not only a loss of a pecuniary nature both to the Government & to the Society — but also (I humbly submit) most detrimental to the cause of religion, & to the interests of the Established Church in Jamaica. With this conviction, I feel it to be now wholly out of my power thus suddenly to violate my engagements; — engagements, which I did not enter into without previously obtaining your Lordship's sanction. My only alternative therefore is, most respectfully, to place my Curacy in the hands of your Lordship, as Spiritual Pastor of the whole Diocese: that the duties might be provided for in such a way as your Lordship shall think fit, — which I sincerely hope may be in the <u>spirit</u> of the 21^st^ Clause of the Clergy Law. This course appears to be the only way by which I can avoid a most reprehensible desertion of duty.

I beg again to express the pain I feel at having incurred most unexpectedly the displeasure of my Diocesan & to assure your Lordship that I was using every means in my power to procure a <u>permanent</u> substitute for the performance of my duties.

I have the honor to be, &c^a &c^a

(Signed) Rich^d Panton.

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## No 5.

Bishop's Lodge 21st Octr 1836.

Reverend Sir,

The Lord Bishop desires me to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 20th Inst: & to state that he cannot allow you to neglect your own duties as an Island Curate of his Diocese for any other Services whatever. The undertaking of Offices, which are not consistent with yr appointment on the Ecclesiastical Establishment of the Island form no part of that "urgent necessity" which under the Clergy Act, entitles a Curate to leave of absence from his Parish, or the privilege of discharging his duties by a substitute.

His Lordship's final determination is, that you forthwith return to residence in yr parish, & the discharge of yr own duties.

I am further desired to remind you that an extract from your book of duties has yet been received.

I remain, Revd Sir, Yr obedient Servant

(Signed) William Reed.

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## No 6.

Kingston 29th Octr 1836

My Lord,

I have to acknowledge the letter of yr Secretary of Octr 21st & beg to apologise for having taken a few days to deliberate upon the course which it obliges me to take.

Had yr Lordship stated to me, when I applied for leave of absence in April, that the duties which I proposed to undertake were inconsistent with my appointment; & that I was not entitled to the privilege of performing my duties by a substitute, I would probably not have engaged in their discharge, & consequently would not now have been in my present painful situation. But yr Lordship was pleased at that time to accept of a Substitute, & to give me leave of absence. I therefore engaged in the discharge of my new duties, & cannot now as I have explained to your Lordship in my former letter desert them. It would be alike a violation of all honorable & religious principle. My only alternative therefore is a direct disobedience of the commands of my Diocesan, or, an immediate resignation of my Curacy. Of course I choose the latter;—tho' most reluctantly. I have labored long among my little flock at Bath. I am attached to them, & they, I believe, to me: & I have reason to hope that God has in great mercy, blessed us in our relation to each other. To be parted from them thus suddenly is a trial;— but one to which I am compelled to submit.

I therefore now tender to your Lordship the resignation of my appointment as Island Curate of the Parish of St Thomas in the East.

I have the Honor to be &c &c

(Signed) Richd Pantor.

A. No 7

Bishop's Lodge 5th Nov.r 1836

Reverend Sir,

I am directed by the Lord Bishop to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 29th Oct.r, tendering y.r resignation of the Island Curacy of St Thos. y East, & to acquaint you that his Lordship has been pleased to accept it.

His Lordship is quite surprised to be informed, that any Curate in his Diocese should require to be instructed, that the undertaking of new duties, which prevented the due performance of his own, were incompatible with his appointments. The duties at Bath, have neither been discharged by yourself nor your substitute & to y.r account must be laid, the removal of a Clergyman, acting under his Lordship's license at Moore Town, without the Bishop's knowledge or permission; & the consequent shameful neglect of duty in the last mentioned town.

I have the honor to be, Sir,

Your most obedient & humble Servant
(Signed) William Reed.

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Correspondence between Rev.d
Mess.rs Panton & Reed

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Jam 26/37 Correspondence between the Deputation of the C.M.S. Society &
The Lord Bishop of Jamaica.

X Kingston 29th Novbr 1836

My Lord,

The Revds Messrs Griffiths, Hall, & myself having been appointed to wait on your Lordship as a Deputation from the Church Missionary Society in order to afford some explanations of the causes of the differences, which have unhappily arisen between your Lordship & that Body, & with the view of effecting such arrangements as may afford satisfaction to your Lordship, as well as prove conducive to the interests of the Society— I have been requested to intimate that they propose, if agreeable to your Lordship to avail themselves of that honor to-morrow forenoon.

I have the honor &c &c

(Signed) J. M. Trew.

To the Lord Bishop

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X Union Hill 29th Novbr

Reverend Sir,

In reply to your letter of this day's date, I beg to state, that I shall always be ready to give my best attention to any communication from the Church Miss. Society— but to any interference of a Comte in this Island, consisting chiefly of Clergymen subject to the control of their Diocesan, I must object — & therefore am under the necessity of declining the conference you propose.

I remain, Revd Sir,

Very faithfully Yours,

(Signed) C. Jamaica.

Revd J. M. Trew.

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Jamaica, Nov. 29/36

Correspondence between
the Deputat.n & Bishop

Rec'd Jan 24/34 X Bishop of Jamaica
December 14 1833

Revd Sir

I take the earliest opportunity of putting you in possession, for the information of the C.M. Society, of some circumstances, which have lately been proved in evidence before a Select Committee of the Lords of Council, connected with the Moravian Establishment at Moore Town in the Parish of Portland. Aware of the allegations of the Petition to the Council delivered by Sobhanieh & Steele Select one fact sufficient to indicate the Spirit & character of the Leaders of your Society in the Island - a Spirit, I trust, unknown in this Island - a Spirit, established in open & flagrant violation of the Discipline, & Peace of the Church & which justifies me from having any further communication with them.

On the 2d March last the Revd R. Panton, Secretary & the Committee, applied for & obtained leave of absence from his duties here to be performed by an efficient substitute in accordance with the provisions of the Clergy Act. The Revd Mr Morse has officiated as his Curate ever since - but after a short time, compelled to leave the Island from ill health. Mr Panton on his return reported to Mr Morse the departure of the return to the performance of duties & the appointment of a substitute. Both these duties have been irregularly fulfilled, & consequently Mr Morse is not entitled to receive the Salary for the time

last eight Sundays - but the Revd
R. Parkes, licensed as the officiating
Minister at Moore Town, has
directed to keep his Station
& officiate at Both once a fortnight
this arrangement has been made without
my knowledge or consent. At
length Mr Parkes has ordered
to remove entirely, with his family,
from Moore Town & take up his
residence in or near Bath in order
that he might take the Pastoral
entire Duty, leaving Moore Town
to that Gentleman. Mr Parkes
states in his evidence before the
Council that he stayed a Sabbath
of the Commissioners leaving
his respective Duties & the Parish
to which he has licensed, sent to him
by Mr Panton who has himself
residing in or near Kingston at
the time.

I need hardly observe that
this large tract consists of persons,
who can have no authority over
Spiritual Persons & the Pastors
& Churches of this District themselves
under the Jurisdiction of their
Bishop whom I for a moment
suppose that the unwarrantable
assumption of unlawful authority
by a body, assembled for very different
purposes, can ever be countenanced by
the Parent Society.

the Law does not allow the Bishop himself to permit any Clergyman, not on the Island Establishment, to take charge of a Congregation without a License; but in the case of her parties, the Committee has resolved to remove a Curate, on the ground that he is paid from the funds of the Church Missy Society, not only from one Town to another - but from one Parish to another; & that too, not to extend the means of religious instruction, but by neglecting his own Flock, to take charge of one already provided with a Pastor who is required by Law, either by himself or some one officiating in his behalf, to provide for his own duty.

In declining the further communication with this Committee on subjects far from tending to discredit the connection with the Church Missionary Society - on the contrary, I am sure, as I believe have been, most anxious to cultivate a good understanding with its respectable Body - & of availing myself of its assistance for extending the operations, & increasing the influence of the established Church. In any proper arrangements for licensing particular Individuals recommended

to be by the Society - in their
[illegible] Parents
[illegible] - with respect to the Districts
proposed for their Ministerial
Labours - in the erection of
Chapels & Schools & all other
Matters which, by the Laws in
this Island cannot be carried
into effect without by being a
party to the Congregational
Clergy's [illegible] in
cooperating with the Society -
but I trust we may permit a
Committee, consisting of Laymen
& by our Clergy, to assume powers
incompatible with their [illegible] Station-
with the Laws which regulate
the Church Matters in this Colony
& close all, with the first
principles of Ecclesiastical
Discipline & the doctrines
Customs & Orders of
Gods. I remain Revd Sir
Very faithfully Yours
C. Jamaica

Revd
William Jowett.

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# Notes of an Answer to the Charge of the Bishop. January 7th 1837.

On a late solemn occasion, many very serious charges were preferred against the Ch. Miss.y Soc.y. These charges, tho' different in themselves, may be brought to the three following points.

1. That the Society's Corr.g Comm.e in Jamaica made application to the Governor for his Excellency's assistance in obtaining land in three of the Maroon Towns — viz; Moore Town, Scumpong, & Charles Town, with the object of erecting Chapels thereon: — that this application is contrary to the Law, which requires, that all Churches & Chapels should be vested in a Corporate Body in order to their consecration: — that the Society, not being a Corporate Body, the application was illegal & improper.

2. That this application was made without the knowledge & concurrence of the Bishop, who received the first intimation of the Society's intention to erect Buildings at the Maroon Towns from his Ex.y the Governor: — that the Bishop was thus treated with the greatest disrespect by the Comm.ee, who ought to have made known their intention to his Lordship, as the head of the Church: — & that such conduct is unbecoming Clergymen & Members of the Church of England.

3. That the Corr.g Comm.ee take upon themselves to remove the Missionaries of the Society from one Station to another; & thereby exercise a jurisdiction, to which they are in no way entitled.

Now of these accusations it is my painful duty, in defence of the Comm.ee, to say, that they are directly at variance with the facts.

1. The Society have made no application to the Governor for land on which to build Chapels: — the application is for the aid of his Ex.y in carrying into effect the Grants of Govern.t to the Soc.y for the Maroon Towns. It is well known that the Parliamentary Grants is for Educational Purposes. The portion given by his Majesty's Ministers to the Society is given exclusively for the erection of School-Houses. Accordingly the application to the Governor states that "a representation having been made in England to his Majesty's Govern.t of the inadequacy of the Buildings used as School-Houses, his Majesty's Ministers were pleased to grant to the Society three several sums of £250 Sterl.g for the erection of suitable ~~Places of Worship~~ School-Houses in the three Maroon Towns above mentioned." The letter further states, that one condition of these grants

is - that the land, on which the Buildings shall be erected, shall be the property of the Society; & prays his Ex^y aid in obtaining land for the purpose. This accusation therefore falls to the ground: for tho' the Law may require that Chapels shall be vested in a Corporate Body in order to their Consecration, "School-houses" need not be so vested, because School-houses are not consecrated. Consequently it appears that the application is not illegal & improper. -

Whether these School-houses would afterwards have been licensed as places of Worship on the Sabbath is a matter, which would have rested with the Bishop. ...

2. The Com^ee did not proceed to take the necessary steps for the erection of the Buildings at the Saxon Towns "without the knowledge & concurrence of the Bishop."

Immediately on the receipt of the list of Stations sanctioned by the Gov^t, as places where the Society's proportion of the Parliamentary Grant might be expended, the Corr^g Com^ee appointed the Rev^d Mr Drew & myself, as a Deputation, to wait on the Bishop, & to lay that list before him. We did so: & his Lordship took very accurate note of all the places, 17 in number, which were named in the list; asking questions respecting most of them. Two were "Oliphants" & "Moreland"; on which Estates the Proprietors had requested the Society to erect School-houses. These, his Lordship said, he intended to occupy by Teachers of his own selections. We said, that we would not wish to clash with his Lordship: but would strike these names at once from our list & would state our reasons for doing so to the Authorities in England — (An arrangement which was afterwards carried into effect in concurrence with the Bishop's Sec^y the Rev^d Mr Hill.) — On this his Lordship expressed his approbation of those which remained: (& among them were the Saxon Towns:) & his Lordship further requested, that in the erection of these Buildings the Com^ee would be careful to make them upwards of fifty feet long, as he wished to license them, as places of Worship on the Sabbath: — a request, which has been strictly attended to, at no small expence to the Society.

From this Statement it will appear, that the conduct of the Com^ee has been most proper. Their first act was to make the Bishop acquainted with the Grants they had received, & the places, where those Grants were to be expended: Having obtained his Lordship's sanction, their next step was, immediately before the commencement of the Session

of the House of Assembly, to make the Governor acquainted with their difficulties in obtaining Land in the Maroon Towns; & praying "his Excellency aid & direction as to the manner in which they ought to proceed" in order to "carry the wishes of Govt into effect."— The Comtee have therefore proceeded with the greatest propriety: they have treated all in authority with due respect: & their conduct has been such as becomes Clergymen & Members of the Church of England.

3. The Comtee have never removed a Missionary from one Station to another. Every Missionary in the employ of the Society is now in the Station to which he was originally licensed. Two have left that employ, & one has been compelled by illness to leave the Island: but the others, have never been moved. On one occasion the Revd R. Forbes was requested to take my duties at Bath for a limited number of weeks: but this was only a temporary arrangement: he was not removed from one Station to another:— on the contrary, he was to return to his Station at Moore Town at the expiration of the time. But even this temporary arrangement was not made without the sanction of the Bishop. The ground & condition on which I obtained his Lordship's leave of absence was that "while I worked for the Society, one of the Society's Missionaries should work for me". The Revd Mr Moore did so until compelled by illness to leave the Island; after which Mr Forbes, the nearest resident Missionary, was requested to take my duty. But neither he, nor any other Missionary, has been removed from one Station to another. This charge is therefore contrary to fact.— From the question,— what power in this respect the Comtee has or ought to have,— I altogether abstain: my only object is to show that they have not "exercised a jurisdiction, to which they are in no way entitled".

This statement is made on my sole authority Vera

Kingston.
Jam: 10. 1837.

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To C. H. Darling Esq^r
Gov^rs Secretary.

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September 1836

Sir,

I am desired respectfully to address to you, for his Excellency the Gov^rs information the following brief statement respecting a difficulty, which stands in the way of the Ch. Miss^y Soc^y in affording extended & efficient religious instruction, to the Maroons of Accompong, Moore Town, & Charles Town: & to pray his Ex^ys aid in the removal of this difficulty.

In the year 1827 it was represented to the Ch. Miss^y Society of London that the Maroons in this Island were altogether destitute of the means of religious instruction & that there was no provision of any kind for the education of themselves & their children. The Society in accordance with the wish then expressed sent from Europe, Teachers qualified to give the instruction required, who successively opened Schools at the Towns named above, & who, under the license of the Bishop of the Diocese, still continue to afford instruction to both children & adults. These Schools are maintained at the sole expence of the Soc^y — no pecuniary assistance having been received from any source, until the present year, when a representation having been made in England to his Majesty's Gov^t of the inadequacy of the Buildings used as School houses his Majesty's ministers were pleased to grant to the Soc^y three several sums of £400 Currency for the erection of suitable School houses in the three Towns above named. One condition however attached to these grants is, that the Land on which the Buildings are erected shall be the property of the Society, in order that they may be permanently set apart for educational & religious purposes. His Ex^y is aware that the Maroons under the Treaty, by which they hold their land, have no power to alienate any portion of it without the concurrence of the Island Authorities. This then is the difficulty which has presented itself to the Com^ee of the Society who are its authorized Agents in this Island; & by whom I am desired to state to his Ex^y that they are ready on their part to carry into effect the wishes of Gov^t & pray his Ex^ys aid & direction as to the manner in which they ought to proceed.

I remain Sir &c^a

(Signed) Rich^d Panton.

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The Bishop is happy in availing himself of the kind offices & proffered mediation of the Revd T. P. Williams, Ecclesiastical Commissary for the County of Cornwall, to convey to the Corresponding Comee of the Church Missionary Society in this Island, his sincere desire to restore that harmony which has been unhappily interrupted — & submits through him the following Propositions:

1st That the circumstances which have led to the late misunderstanding between the Bishop & the Corresponding Committee be buried in oblivion — & in proof of the sincerity of this declaration the Bishop takes this opportunity of expressing his respect for the character of the Revd Richard Panton, & to assure him that his professional usefulness will not be prejudiced by his late resignation as soon as a proper opportunity for reinstating him in his Ministerial Duties may offer itself to the Bishop.

2d That in future, a communication in writing, be made to the Bishop, by the Corresd Comee on all occasions affecting the licensing appointing to stations — or proposals to remove the Clergy, whose Stipends are paid by the Church Missionary Society — & in the purchase or conveyance of Lands or Buildings for the purpose of erecting, consecrating, or licensing Places of public Worship; with a view to the general order & discipline of the Diocese, & the usefulness of the Society itself.

3d That a copy of the Annual Report of the Society as far as relates to the Diocese of Jamaica be regularly transmitted to the Bishop.

(Signed) C. Jamaica

Bishop's Lodge
14th January 1837.

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Bishop Jamaica's Propositions
to the Corr. Com.ee

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Bishop's Propositions.

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Bishop's Lodge Jamaica
January 21st 1837

Revd Sir

As I felt it my duty to the Society to write to you by the last Packet complaining of the indecent & irregular manner in which the Corresponding Secretary of the Church Missionary Society in the removal of a Licensed Curate from one Parish to another in that Island, I have now the pleasure to assure you that through the good offices of the Revd Mr Williams Rector of St Elizabeth & Commissary for the County of Cornwall, harmony has been restored - & I trust that your feeling, which I am so anxious should subsist between the Society & myself, will not again be interrupted

I have laid down certain principles
to which it is my determination
strictly to adhere, & without
which no Professional Discipline
can be preserved. I have every reason
to believe that the greater part
of the members of the Society
have a pride in the athletic
reputation for an adherence to
these regulations - my only fear
is from the Lay Members of
the Committee who are less
under the Discipline of Institution
& are apt to overlook
the power & duties of a
Director, & the Chartering
Principle & Practice would be

Spiritual matters and to them by the clergy & their legal head to whose authority in all things Ecclesiastical & Sacred they must submit.

I feel assured that all Christian & the Parent Society will agree with me in these opinions & I am, Revd Sir

Very faithfully Yours

C. Jamaica.

Revd
William Jowett.

Jamaica, Jan. 21/37

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Enclosure No. 3.

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Bishop's Secretary to W. K. Betts

Kingston 17th Jan.y 1838

My Dear Sir

I hasten to acquaint you that Edw.d Hyde Clarke Esq.r of Swanswick has requested the Bishop to appoint Mr. Orgill to Swanswick (as his Lordship understands the letter) with a Stipend from the Church Miss.y Society

I know not whether Mr. Orgill will accept the appointment.

Yours very truly

Signed) Geo. Hill

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W. K. Betts in reply.

[in a letter to the Revd G. Hill on several subjects, is this paragraph]

Kingston 20th Jany

"I have received no communication from the Revd Mr Orgill on the subject of yours of the 17th instant, nor has the Co.e Comm.e any reason to suppose that Mr Orgill is at all desirous of becoming a Missionary of the Church Miss.y Society. I apprehend therefore the Society will not at present be able to supply a Clergyman for Swanswick".

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Rev. G. Hill to Rev. W. K. Betts.

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Rev. W. K. Betts to Rev. G. Hill
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Com. Cott. June 30/40

Com. Connecticut June 24/40

The Bishop of Jamaica presents his compliments to Mr Secretary & has great pleasure in transmitting a Letter from Mr Barton addressed to him here.

The Bishop is very anxious to be present at one of the meetings of the Committee & he wishes to have an opportunity of explaining

his deep sense of
the obligations he
is under for the
services the Right
Honble Mr Fox has
rendered us - & the
Nation - & the
liberty of writing
on a subject
which has struck
him during his
late visit to
the Island.

Dear J. Rijks

Dear Gen'l Wentworth

June 23d 1840.

Westminster, June 23/40

Lord Bishop of Jamaica

C W/O 24/1/23

Recd. Aug. 24/40

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## Correspondence on the subject of the Ordination of Catechists

On the 7th May the Cor. Com. appointed "a Sub Com" to examine those Catechists who state that they are prepared to be presented to the Bishop, to ascertain whether their acquirements be such as to justify the Com" in recommending them to his Lordship."

On the 23d May I despatched a Circular to the several Catechists (a Copy of which has already been forwarded to you in the correspondence with Mr. Pollett) informing them of the appointment of this Sub Com" To that Circular I have received the following answer from Mr. Taylor.

"Rec. & Dear Sir" "30th June 1840

"Having received the circular of May 23d I have say in reply, that I refuse "at the instructions of the Parent Com", as they are in accordance with the understanding "I had with them prior to my leaving England; & which I have already com- "-veyed to you. But at the same time, I entirely object to any examination "but that of the Archdeacon. I believe the course attempted to be pursued in "this matter by the Jamaica Committee altogether unprecedented, & un- "-called for. and as it is possible I may one day be a Candidate for Holy "Orders, so I take this opportunity of protesting against that, to which I believe "I can never submit, because our Church recognizes no such tribunal.

"To me the latter clause of the circular appears equally open to "objection. If your Catechist does not do his duty he ought surely to be discharged "but as efficient labour is necessarily successful labour, do not require that "which his very office as a mere Catechist, or local circumstances may pre- "-vent, or God for wise reasons may withhold, as a test of his fitness for "ministerial functions. If you do, your measure may possibly be no "more than the measure of a man, & a very erroneous one too.

"Permit me to point out to you a discrepancy between two of your "letters to me. In that of April 18th you say. "The lamp, which you request "was ordered, but the Com" did not agree" &c. In your next you say, "The lamp was allowed, though not previously ordered."

Yours &c

(signed) "Henry Taylor"

Reply.

Kingston July 13th /40

My dear Mr. Taylor,

"Your letter of the 30th June was brought before the Com" last week,

I am directed to address you on the list of Furniture &c at Church Hill, as soon as Mr. Aspill myself have compared the Two lists.

In the mean time I must answer your remarks on my Circular of May 23d.. & it is right I should say, that the tone of them is very improper, & indicates a state of feeling, which cannot but give pain to your Christian friends. Are they characterized by a meek & patient spirit?

The remarks themselves are also erroneous. You say, you object to any Examination, but that of the Archdeacon, & can never submit to that of the Sub-Com^ee because our Church recognizes no such Tribunal. - You could have given the subject very little consideration, when you wrote this. Our Church recognizes, I may say, enforces, both by her principles & present practice, an Examination of Candidates for Ordination, previous to that of the Bishop, or Archdeacon. The Letters Testimonial are to the effect that the Candidate is pious, sound in doctrine, & of sufficient learning to become a Minister of the Church. Before these Testimonials are signed a previous knowledge of the individual's acquirements should exist; or a previous examination should take place, and you must be aware of the extreme difficulty with which admission to Holy Orders is obtained by an individual, who has not passed previous examinations at the Universities. The English Bishops will hardly receive a Candidate who cannot produce proof of his having passed these examinations; & they insist on his producing Testimonials to his learning from three Clergymen. The Com^ee are therefore acting quite consistently with the principles & practice of the Church, in requiring a Candidate to be examined before they will sign his Testimonials: - they are also in this respect following the plan of the Part. Com^ee.

You will say that they have not hitherto done so. This is true: but they find it necessary to do so now. The conduct of some of the Missionaries is in this, & in other respects, compelling the Com^ee to do their duty more strictly than they have yet done: - & they desire me to tell you that they mean to abide by their Resolution. They will not sign any Testimonials, until they receive the report of the Sub Com^ee on the acquirements & qualifications of the Catechist; & a report from two members of Com^ee on the condition of the Station under his charge.

You point out to me what appeared to you a discrepancy between two of my letters. I thank you for doing so: - though in the present case it is a mistake of your own. - In your letter of March 16th you ask for a lamp, & sundry other matters. I wrote in answer (Apl. 11th). "The lamp which you request was ordered, but the Com^ee did not agree" to the other requests. - In your letter of April 13th you complain that the Com^ee have refused you every thing, but the lamp (as I understand) & you add, "and this I suppose, as the lamp was ordered" (at the Shop?) - I answered (Apl. 25th) "The lamp was allowed

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though not previously ordered. — My meaning is clear enough. — "The Lamps, which your request was ordered" — or "allowed" by the Com^ee to be furnished by you, "though not previously ordered" in the Shop. — I have taken the trouble to give this explanation for your satisfaction. —

The Com^ee agree to the repair of the fences at Church Hill. Please to have it done on as economical a plan, as is consistent with durability & strength.

Remain, dear Brother
yours faithfully
Rich^d Yeadon Sec.

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M^r. Cork, in answer to the Circular writes.

"Woodford June 26^th 1840.

"Rev^d & Dear Sir

"The Circular of 23^d May being one of considerable importance, I have "given it the consideration it demands,

"1. I beg to express gratitude for the consideration of the Com^ee in increasing the "Stipends of their Agents, to meet the increased price of things since the Emancipation.

"2. The Res^n of Com^ee referring Catechists to recent Instructions of Parent Committee "relative to the faithful performance of their duties contains nothing new — such "being the tenor of instructions given to the Catechists before leaving England, "& I feel persuaded, that nothing but a wish to perform those duties conscientiously "has induced several to apply for that indulgence, which has been granted to "so many before not only in giving assistance here, but in allowing them to "relinquish their duties altogether to go home for the purpose of studying.

M^r^s Forbes
Sopping
Reynolds

"3. The Resolution of Com^ee relative to the examination of Catechists is as "singular, as the reason given. I know not when the Res^n passed the Com^ee "one thing however is certain, it did not reach me till the departure of the "Bishop, & is therefore for the present a dead letter.

The Com^ee have appointed Ex-
"aminers & such a course pursued in any other of the Society's Missions?
"Is it called for? The Com^ee say they have done so for the purpose of doing all
"in their power to prevent the pain, which would be felt by the Bishop, & by
"the Society, were any recommended found incompetent to pass his Lordship's
"Examination. Nothing however is said respecting the feelings of the in-
"dividual himself. Is it not natural to suppose that his feelings in such
"a case would be more poignant than either the Bishop's or the Society's?
"Now it must be the feeling of Com^ee that the present applicants for Orders
"are men more reckless of circumstances than those, who have been
"ordained — so much thing was required of them, & yet they all passed
"their examinations creditably.

No. 10.

I see part of the Res^n bears particularly on
"myself — being well aware, that I was the only one, who expressed a reading
"to appear without further preparation before his Lordship. Was such presumption?

I knew well the requirements of one who did not join the Bishop or the Society - that individual expressed his gratitude to me for the material assistance I had rendered him during his preparation - believing that I could pass as good an examination as he did Had I not cause to hope for the like success?

Again. Long since a Friend, anxious to see me in Orders, requested to be informed what the Bishop required in a Candidate. His Lordship sent a Clergyman to that individual, who wrote down the answer returned & informed me of it. Knowing the Bishop's requirements the Com^ee will I hope allow me as far to know my own case as to judge of my qualification. I do not hesitate to affirm that if the examiners appointed by the Com^ee do not adopt another standard than the Bishop's, which every impartial person will I think readily acknowledge is sanctioned neither by the Laws of our Church, or custom, I have no reason for thinking I shall be found "incompetent to pass his Lordship's examination".

I would also observe it appears strange that the Com^ee who eighteen months ago resolved that they were fully prepared to recommend me for Orders should now throw so many obstacles in my way.

4. One thing more remains to be noticed viz - Should any of the Society's Agents pass their examinations creditably they might notwithstanding be refused Orders. It appears that the Catechist alone - unassisted - under peculiar difficulties - without sufficient authority must have his station in an "efficient condition". I do not know what the Com^ee mean by efficiency, but if their ideas accord with mine, such a thing I affirm, to all human probability impossible.

Universal experience goes to prove that the more wretched the individual the less he cares for religion - & since the advice of the Com^ee to the Catechists is - "sit at home quietly & instruct those who come to you", it happens that those who most need instruction do not get it. And when we consider the axiom that "Evil communications corrupt good manners" it must appear notorious that the Catechists' labours are to the body of the people little more than "a drop of blood in a bucket of water". For the Station to be in an "efficient condition" domiciliary visits must be persevered in - the people sought out & encouraged to attend the means of grace - all the privileges of a Church should be at hand - these things cannot be at a Catechists' Station.

Even the Schools are not in an efficient state - not that the Catechist may not preserve order, or have a well-disciplined School or be successful as a Teacher - the insufficiency arises from his not having it in his power to command regular attendance, nor be half enough out after

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Absentees, or seeking new Scholars.

The "efficient condition" is to be judged of by Two Members of Comm^ee - so far good. But what stay will they make in order to judge of that efficiency? Since I have resided here Members of Comm^ee have not remained a sufficient time to be enabled to judge of the real state of things - in fact the Comm^ee do not it appears like to come here at all, for I have heard at different times of Members having passed within two hundred yards of the Station without calling. - I feel confident that did the Comm^ee know the importance of this Station, & weighed well its difficulty - that the body of the people are Dissenters - much prejudiced - that the leaders are striving hard to keep the people away even going so far as to tell them it is sin to leave their Kingston Church, & join this. Did they go round & see ignorant men - so ignorant as not to be able to read a word - assuming the gown, & setting themselves up "for Somebody" - they would then I feel persuaded be led to rescind the Resolution which to me appeared very hastily come to - "that they do not consider Wordford a Station requiring the services of an Ordained Missionary."

I do not know for what he alludes: but as he has stated to the Comm^ee, as an excuse for remaining this winter, that there is not room in the house, I wish to lead him into error, no one else lives with him in my family

Believe me to remain
Rev^d Committee's willing servant
(signed) Josias Cork.

Mr Cork is sadly ill-informed. In the answering of this letter I have endeavored to correct his feeling.

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Reply.

My dear Mr Cork,

Yr letter of June 26th was brought before the Comm^ee at their last Meeting, when the following Res^n was passed.

"That the Comm^ee feel pained at finding that Mr Cork still
"persists, notwithstanding that the impropriety has already on a former
"occasion been pointed out to him, in addressing the Comm^ee, & expressing his
"opinions on their proceedings, in a very unbecoming tone: that the Comm^ee therefore
"direct the Sec^y to forward the letter from Mr Cork of June 26th to the Parent
"Comm^ee, with a request that they will, if they think proper, address Mr Cork
"on the subject."

It is not necessary that I sh^d in replying to yr letter answer in detail all the remarks it contains: it will perhaps be sufficient for me to say a few words on the two principal topics; - the Examining Sub-Comm^ee, & the "efficient condition" of the Stations.

Before any Individual can present himself to a Bishop for Ordination he must obtain letters Testimonial to satisfy the Bp. that the Candidate is a man of piety, sound doctrine, & of sufficient learning to become a Minister of the Church. You are aware that the Comm^ee must sign Testimonials to this effect in favor of the Catechists of the Society. It is therefore perfectly reasonable that the Comm^ee sh^d by some examination satisfy themselves that the acquirements of the Catechist are sufficient before they sign the Testimonial. With the Bishop's "standard" they have nothing to do. It w^d be presumption in them (had they the power) to interfere with it - but they must satisfy themselves, & the Bp.

will feel obliged to those who are particular in making every enquiry before they sign Testimonials to his Lᵈship.

No part of the Resⁿ "bears particularly" on yᵗ self: it applies to "the Catechists who" (at any time) "state that they are prepared to be presented to his Lordship." This is not a rule to meet the present case, but to be acted on in future in the Mission - tho' I will candidly admit that the conduct of the Catechists, at present seeking Ordination, has given rise to it. The Comᵉᵉ are decidedly of opinion that some are showing an urgency & precipitation, which do not indicate a right state of feeling: & are putting themselves forward, when not properly prepared: & I must add that the Comᵉᵉ wᵈ not except you from this charge. They wᵈ be much more ready to sign Testimonials in yᵗ favor, if they saw you laboring humbly & contentedly in yᵗ Station as a Catechist. And they have been led by yᵗ own letters to fear, that you cannot be as well prepared, as you think, for his Lᵈship's Examination. Among other things on one occasion lately you quoted some Latin. It was a very common hackneied phrase, & yet there was a blunder in it, of which any School-boy wᵈ be ashamed! (It pains me to write this, because I know it will distress you: but I think it my duty: & I wish for yᵗ sake, dear Brother, I could discharge it better.) But that which most affects the minds of the Comᵉᵉ, & renders them unwilling to forward yᵗ Ordination is the want of spirituality & humbleness of mind, which they remark in yᵗ Journals & Letters - This, I assure you, gives us much pain, & we shᵈ really rejoice, if the candid statement, which I am now writing, were to lead you to think seriously & prayerfully on the matter; & to be more anxious in preparing yᵗ heart for the Office of the Ministry. The Comᵉᵉ do not think you at present in a right state of mind, especially with respect to yᵗ spirituality. Ask yᵗ own conscience whether there is not ground for this, & pray that your heart may not deceive you.

If I do not speak very plainly I am not understood. The quotation was "Ab tempore ad mores."

On the other subject - the efficient condition of the Station - I must say, that the Comᵉᵉ do not expect a Catechist to do the duty of a Missionary: - but that a Catechist's Station can be in an efficient condition, they have striking proof at Somerset Hall (Mr Byrne's Station) & Salt-Savannah (Mr N. Asbby's.) At these Stations they rejoice to see what an active, devoted Catechist can do in collecting & ordering a large School, & a large attendance of Adults. These Catechists do not sit at home quietly & instruct those who come to them! & I cannot imagine who has told you that this is the advice given by the Comᵉᵉ! They have probably said that it is not the duty of a Catechist & School-Master to go about preaching - that his principal duties are at home: but the Comᵉᵉ have often exhorted Catechists to use their spare time in visiting the people: & this is done by many. - If all the spare time is occupied in reading for Orders, the Station will not be in an efficient condition: & this is just the reason which induced the Comᵉᵉ to pass the Resⁿ; which is in accordance with the instructions of the P. Comᵉᵉ, that "the time required for the discharge of the duties of a Catechist & School-master, must not be occupied in preparation for eventual admission to Holy Orders". If you make up yᵗ mind that a Catechist's Station cannot be in an efficient condition, yᵗ Station never will be so! If however you determine that, under God's blessing, yᵗ Station shall be efficient, it soon will become so; & you will be in a happier & better

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"state of mind. The Comm^ee did not intend that you sh^d act at home "quietly," when they gave you money to purchase Ponies.

"It w^d be better I am sure both for y^rself & for y^r Station "were you left anxious on the subject of Ordination, or w^d dismiss it al-"-together from y^r thoughts - at least for a time. In the present state of "the Mission, when there are not Agents enough to occupy all the Stations "& also when very improper feelings are exhibited by most of those who wish "to be ordained; the Comm^ee cannot give "the indulgences which have been granted "before" to individual Catechists "for studying". Moreover, these "indulgences" may "have been found impolitic; - or they may have been abused; - or they may "have been given to those who have particularly deserved them; - or they may "have been disapproved by the Part. Comm^ee. They must not therefore be "taken as precedents. If we have done wrong on one or two occasions - this "is no reason why we sh^d continue to do wrong.

"I hope dear Brother, that you will receive this letter in the spi "in which it is written. Let there be no unkind feeling. Carry the whole "matter in prayer to God. Pray for guidance for y^rself, & for the Comm^ee that "we may determine what is according to the will of God; - & that you may "be satisfied therewith; & use y^r utmost endeavour for the immediate benefit "of the souls around you, without being discouraged, because you cannot "be all that you could wish.

"Believe me, Yours faithfully,
(Signed) "Rich^d Panton".

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To the above letter it is necessary that I should add for the information of the Parent Comm^ee, an explanation of the last passage of Mr^s Cork's letter. I have often proposed to take up the subject, but I have always waived a full discussion of it on any hands.

He says that his Station, Woodford, is in the midst of Dissenters, & you have requested an explanation. - The history of the Station is this. - When Mr^s Cork first arrived in this Island, he was placed at the Grove to assist Mr^s Comer. - Having leisure time he zealously employed himself in visiting the Negroes residing in the neighbouring Mountains, & collected a number of Adults & Children at a small settlement in the mountains about 6 miles from the Grove - Northward - in the Parish of St^s Andrews. Here he wished to be settled; - & he recommended the place as a good locality for one of the Government School houses. Mr^s Batts, then acting as Secretary, went to see the place, & concurred in the recommendation. The locality is delightfully cool, & healthy, & the population large. The Gov^r Comm^ee acted on the united recommendation of Mr^s Cork & Mr^s Batts; - purchased the settlement, & converted it into a Station, - building a School house, & giving the place the name of Woodford.

Here Mr^s Cork was settled, when I returned to the Island shortly after visited the place, & found it both pleasant as a Residence, & promising as a Station. - There was a fair Congregation, & a tolerable

Correspond[ce] relative to Ordination of
Catechists, with Remarks by Rev. R. Panton

Mr. Cork ... married, & became extremely anxious to be ordained. I thought he had but a short time before, expressed his doubts whether he could ever conscientiously take orders in the Church of England. We now began to fear that the Station was in the midst of Dissenters, & now ascertained why he should be immediately ordained: & we have heard it instantly since. There is ground for the assertion: for the Negroes there Island, ashamed now of being Heathens, call themselves Christians of some denomination or other, generally Baptists, because the Baptists are the most worldly & employ great numbers of Negroes, ignorant persons, to go about the most destitute, & engage the people to join their Denomination. These teachers are perfectly ignorant; & their proselytes are still Heathens, more than Heathens! The Missionaries, to whom they profess to join themselves, have perhaps thousands of Communicants, the souls of whom are not better instructed; they know nothing of these distant proselytes, except that they pay monthly & quarterly subscriptions, make their appearance occasionally in the Town & swell the numbers & increase the political strength of the Baptists.

These are for the most part, the Dissenters of whom Mr. Cork speaks & who need Christian instruction as much as the inhabitants of Africa! You ask pardon in his account, that they are under the guidance of ignorant men, so ignorant as not to be able to read a word: but who assume the form of Godliness. Mr. Cork thinks that he would be more able to contend with them, & win away the people from their pernicious influence, if he could assume the form too. I have no doubt it would be so: & in this point of view his Ordination is desirable, for there no obstacles; but it is not indispensible to his success. Mr. Byrne, who is similarly situated, has won, I may say almost, thousands from these ignorant Teachers, whose religion is superstition & confusion. But Mr. Byrne does not think of obtaining Orders.

Woodford I think, might be made a fine Station. Say the Dissenters of the Missionary at the Grove, the people might enjoy all the privileges of the Church. But this does not suit Mr. Cork; who wishes to be ordained, but will not take the trouble of a delightful excursion. The Station could not only be made one but most of our other Stations [illegible] Missionaries. Mr. Cork might at present station much of the disturbance from me in conducting his Station; but he does not seek it, as he might: & I have so many other things to attend to that I must keep my help upon him. I earnestly hope that Mr. Reynolds (indeed) or some other ordained Missionary may soon come to our help!!

Rich[d] Panton

Rec'd Apr. 19/41

Green Bank Hotel
Portsmouth April 17th
1841

Com. Con. April 20/41

Dear Sir

Your Letter of the 13th
Inst has been received
together with a Copy
of the Resolutions
of the Church Missionary
Society respecting
the Mission in
Jamaica -

I have only just
time to acknowledge
the receipt of these
Documents & to assure

by decided opposition
of the judicious conduct
taken by the Committee.

I take as due in my
power to carry out
the objects of the
Society & I feel assured
that we shall be
both together for
the advantage of the
Colony & for promoting
the great interests
which we all have
at heart.

I am Lord Lieu

has been considerably strengthened & I am prepared to act on a much more extended scale than I was enabled to do before.

Your arrangements & your Society fall in admirably with these plans. I have only to request that any communications addressed to my direct to me here or immediately either & receive at all times my best attention

Your sincere Friend
the Society on this
happy termination of
the late differences
I remain dear Sir
Very faithfully & truly Yours
C. Semmes.

P.S. I take occasion
the Resolutions more
in detail at some
future opportunity -
with their general
spirit I am
entirely pleased &
request you will
please

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Rec June 19/42

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Correspondence

No 1

Grove June 2nd 1842

My Lord

Since I left you yesterday I have reflected on your Lordship's request that I should become the Minister of Rural Hill Chapel and your kind consideration in assuring me that in the event of the climate of Manchester being too severe for my constitution you will provide a sphere of labor more congenial and as soon as practicable place me on the Island Establishment. I feel it my duty at once to waive all personal considerations and proceed with cheerfulness to my allotted sphere of labor. I only therefore now wait for your Lordship's final instructions which I shall be glad to receive as soon as convenient.

I remain
Your Lordships humble & obedient Servant
Jesse Cook.

No 2

Bishop's Lodge
June 3rd 1842

My dear Sir

Your Letter is very satisfactory and I feel very much obliged to you for your ready compliance with the arrangement proposed.

Mr W Ashby has just called and is anxious to return to Manchineal to settle matters. I beg you will consult such others as convenience - but as a Mr Cooper is coming out for Ordination at Xmas from the University of Durham and I mean him to succeed you at Rural Hill you need only consider the appointment as strictly temporary. In the mean time I make no doubt that some opportunity will occur for fixing you in some Island Curacy to which you are so justly entitled from your character and conduct as an exemplary Minister of the Gospel. I have thus endeavoured to throw as much light as I can on all the circumstances of your present appointment - and I have to repeat my thanks for your ready acquiescence in the arrangements which are important to the general advantage of the Church -

I am
My dear Sir
Very faithfully yours
C. Jamaica

No 3

Enon Hill, Honsey
Sept 22. 1842

Dear Madan

It is very gratifying to me to learn at the Church Mission House that Jones has been consistent and useful ever since his appointment to Jamaica. It is very desirable to get for him if possible an Island Curacy now that the Society contemplate the gradual abandonment of the Jamaica Mission. I fear that I have no influence or interest, but if any opportunity of serving him occur I shall use it most gladly. Pray tell him when you write how glad I shall be at all times to hear from him and assure him how thankful I feel to God that he has been enabled to be a good minister of Jesus Xt. I enclose the letter which you were kind enough to forward. The note from the Bishop would be useful to shew to any influential persons. I have taken a copy of it

Believe me yours truly Baptist W. Noel.

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Rec'd Dec 5/42

Bishop's Lodge

Near Kingston Jamaica Oct 31. 1842

Revd Sir,

I am directed by the Bishop to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 1st instant conveying the gratifying intelligence that the Committee of the Church Missionary Society have determined to continue for two years longer the usual Salary to Mr Gibson at Moor Town; — and to state that his Lordship had already anticipated the wishes of the Committee by deciding to accept as a title for Holy Orders the Station of Moor Town. —

I am desired by his Lordship to call the attention of the Committee to the following circumstances connected with their late station at Somerset Pen in the Mountain District of St Dorothy.

His Excellency the Governor at the instance of the Bishop has been pleased to appoint the Revd Mr Shelton (a member of the

late Comm^e of the Church Missionary Soc^y in this Island) as second Island Curate of that Parish under the provisions of the Clergy Act of Jamaica, - but on the express understanding that a consecrated place of worship would shortly be completed for the performance of his ministerial duties as required by that act. Mr. Hylton in the meantime has been licensed by the Bishop to officiate in the adjoining School-room fitted up as a temporary place of worship. -

It appears from the statement of the Rev^d Mr^n Hall (also a member of the Committee late Rector of Saint Dorothy's) that the Church Missionary Society had commenced the building of a Chapel and had obtained from Government a grant of £400 st^g towards carrying out this specific Object.

As the average Congregations is about 600, & the Communicants amount to 268, the Bishop feels it his duty to apply to the C. M. Society for

an adequate contribution towards the completion of a place of worship which the Society have now abandoned, and to which a Clergyman has been appointed paid by the Legislature of the Island. —

His Lordship hopes that all these circumstances will be taken into the favorable consideration of the Committee, and that the wishes both of the Governor and himself to promote the Spiritual welfare of this important District may not be disappointed. —

I have the honor to be,

Dear Sir,

very faithfully yours

R. Robertson

Secy to the Bishop of Jamaica.

Bishop's Lodge

Packet Oct 1. 1862.

Revd Richard Davies
Secy to the Ch. M. Society
Salisbury Square
Fleet Street
London

Jamaica, Kingston
Bp. Mackenzie

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C. W/O 2a/2

Bp. of Jamaica

Rec'd Jan 21/43

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Bishop's Lodge. Jamaica.

20th Novr. 1842.

Reverend Sir,

I had the honor to receive your letter of the 2d. of October, by the last packet for England, and although I am not yet sufficiently informed of the business connected with the proceedings of the Church Missionary Society in this Island, I am anxious, for many reasons, to take my departure for England early in January.

The Revd
Henry Venn

[illegible] as I should be, under circumstances
[illegible] which I am about to solicit,
to receive any pledge from my diocese
who had been recommended by the Society, I
am right to expect any other pledge
from any source yet I dare not, to provide
for the maintenance of a Bishop and
Curate in Jamaica. The number of Curates
whose stipend is demanded by the Society is
complete: the [illegible] I have received
are all occupied, and I have no
pledges here without any other provision
being first made for my Wife & Boys
should the Society [illegible], and
should the small funds [illegible], to

I understand, that at any division of the
Society the Board of the Foreign
Parts - In this matter, as in sentiment,
I wish to be perfectly, that I subject to
your Lordship's direction. Be with the Lord of
the Board of your -

It would give me
great satisfaction to learn that the
disposal funds of the Church Missionary
Society would ~~induce~~ cause the
Lord Bishop to withdraw some of their
Standard Rules in this State Register
Land - close Clerks, discipline by School Commissioners
Scattered congregations, and thousands of
persons destitute of the means of Christian
worship & instruction, attributable to

that provisions of the Church Clergy Act,
passed during the last Session of the
Jamaica Assembly, shall be
repealed & that provision
shall be made for the due support
of Religion & Education in
Jamaica, the Bishop of the Diocese
the Diocesan Board of Education
& the Archdeacon of the Diocese
may have Seats in the Legislative
Council of the Island, & that
they have power to be present at
the Meetings of the Committees
of the Council. I beg leave
to enclose a Petition to your Lordship
from the Clergy of this Island
praying for the Restoration of the
Rights which you confirmed, & which
they have enjoyed for
many years.

I have the honor to be
My Lord
Your Lordship's most obedient
& most humble Servant

Paris May 9/44

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Private & Confidential

30 Rue Marbeuf 10th.

Revd & dear Sir,

I must apologize for having so long delayed to write you, owing to the pressure of the Christian Work of the

Mar. 30/45

Bp Jamaica

I desire again to tender
my Resignation of the Co-Adjutorship
of the Episcopate Church
of the Province of the West Indies
& the Diocese of Jamaica, with many
prayers for God's blessing
resting on their heads,

I remain,
Rev'd & dear Sir,
Yours very faithfully
Bishop of Jamaica.

The Rev
The Secretary
C.M.S.

C4/O 21/21

Rec'd Oct 7/44

Office of the Miss Trustees

15th June 1844

My Lord,

The Trustees of the Miss Charity having received information from Jamaica that Yr. Ldship has disapproved of the appointment of Mr. Archdeacon Trew as the Superintendent of the Establishment at the Grove, & that other persons under Yr. sanction have been adopted for its administration, have instructed me to make the following communication.

The Trustees beg leave most respectfully to inform Yr. Ldship, that in the adoption of measures for the control & management of their Establishment at the Grove, they apprehend that Yr. Ldship has not been sufficiently appriz'd of the constitution of the Trust they administer, or the obligations they have to discharge.

The funds at the disposal of the Trustees are the monies & property belonging to the Lady Miss, who died 160 years since, & who was a Dissenter from the Church of Engd., & monies put at their disposal for the purpose of the Trust by the Govern. & which supply is now in a course of withdrawment.

The object to which these funds are

To the Lord Bishop
of Jamaica.

applied, is, the Education of the Negro & Colored races, & upon principles which shall render their Establishments equally open to all persuasions of Christians.

The following are the fundamental Rules.

1st "The Schools to be supported in whole or in part from the funds of this Charity, shall be open to children of parents of all denominations.

2d "The grand objects of this Charity shall be the promotion of Education in general, but especially of Religious education;- the basis of the system to be the Bible with such extracts as are at present used by the British & Foreign School Society.

3d "No Catechisms, nor books of peculiar religious tenets, shall be taught in the Schools, but every child shall be at liberty to attend regularly the place of worship to which its Parents belong.

4th These regulations to constitute the basis upon which pecuniary aid shall be extended to Schools whether public or private:- such aid at once involving the superintendence of the Trustees of the Charity.

5th "No Teacher to be employed who does not bring satisfactory recommendations, as to his religious & general character & competency as a School Teacher, his efficiency to be approved of by the Agent of the Trustees, with whom shall rest his removal shd it be deemed advisable."

Upon this system, the Trustees have acted in the various Schools they have established in the Mauritius, – Trinidad, – Dominica, – St Lucia, – Antigua, & in other places, & were anxious to do so, as far as circumstances would allow in Jamaica. – Accordingly all their Schools in Jamaica were governed originally by these rules.

In the progress of time however, a change to a certain extent took place as to the School at the Grove:– They were informed that such was most unfortunately the state of religious feeling in Jamaica, that Members of the Church of Engd would not avail themselves of Schools to which others were admitted on equal terms, & that consequently such benefits as the Miss Charity Cd offer, wd no longer be shared by Churchmen & the children of Churchmen. For the purpose of meeting this difficulty the Trustees, after great deliberation & much doubt, determined that the School at the Grove should be conducted on a System more in accordance, with

what was understood to be the feeling in Jamaica of those belonging to the Established Church, but they thought they were justified in their depar-ture from their rules & constitution, by the con-sideration that there were two Establishments in Jamaica, & that by this mode of proceeding, the benefit would be equal to persons of all religious opinions. In the same spirit of desire to conciliate all, they placed this School under the manage-ment of Mr. Archdeacon Trew, - not as being an Archdeacon, but in his private capacity, as a person who had long been officially connected with the Charity, & in whom the Trustees placed the fullest confidence, but in so doing they never intended, & indeed wd. not be justified in giving up their own control, & right of admini-stration: - Mr. Archdeacon Trew was to take charge as their Agent, & in no other capacity, & for the purpose of carrying into effect the regulations they had established.

The Trustees do not presume in any degree to call in question the prohibition which Ld. Bishop has deemed fit to issue to Mr. Archdeacon Trew against acting as their Superintendent of the Establish-ment at the Grove, but they exceedingly regret to find that as to the future government of this School the opinions entertained by Ld. Bishop are not recon-cilable with the principles on which they conceive

they are bound to discharge the trust committed to them.

They apprehend that it is their duty to keep the entire control & management of all their Schools in their own hands,— that the persons necessarily appointed their Agents in the Colonies shd act according to their instructions & without any independant authority. They never intended to place their School under any Eccles: Jurisdiction, & they apprehended, that in Jamaica, as in England, a School might be established for the education of the children of Churchmen, according to the principles of the Church of Engd without subjecting it to any Eccles: authority.

It is true however, that they wd have craved, & thankfully accepted from all belonging to that Church, advice & assistance faithfully & effectually to carry out their object.

The Trustees beg leave to assure yr Lpship that they do exceedingly regret that any difference of opinion shd exist between them & yr Lpship on this question, but they think that had the nature of their system been fully known, measures wd not have been adopted which in effect subvert all their authority, & militate against the Trust they repose

The Trustees have given the whole subject their best consideration, & have felt themselves compelled, though most unwillingly, to come to the conclusion, that the difference of opinion which

subsists between your Lordship & them is so wide, that they have no alternative but to give up their School at the Grove.

In establishing that School, they conceived that they went the utmost length the nature of their duties would permit, & they would cheerfully & zealously have framed their directions for the effectual attainment of the object, — they would, with deference & respect have received all advice coming from your Lordship, or any of the Clergy, but they cannot abdicate their own power, or subject the School to Ecclesiastical authority.

The Trustees therefore have given directions that all expenses shall be liquidated as soon as may be convenient and the Establishment at the Grove be broken up: — Notice having been already given to the Church Miss.y Society here, to whom the Premises belong.

In conclusion they entreat your Lordship to believe that in adopting this measure they are actuated by no feelings of disrespect or irritation, but from a conscientious conviction that when so wide a

difference of opinion exists no prospect of a satisfactory adjustment can be entertained, & that they are bound to adhere to the principles & rules by which as Trustees they are governed.

I have the honor to be
my Lord,
Your Lordship's
Most obedient humble Servant
(Signed) R. E. Hankinson.
Sec. Miss Charity.

Office of Miss Trustee
June 15/7

Rev R E Hankinson to Bp Jamaica.

Rec Oct 7/44

Bishop's Lodge Jamaica.
July 16th 1844.

Sir,

I have the honour to acknowledge the receipt of your letter bearing date on the 15th Ult. in which you apprize me of the determination of the Trustees of the Moravian Charity to abandon the Establishment at the Grove, in the Parish of St Andrews, in this Island. Your communication also informs me that the Trustees have been induced to adopt this measure by an alleged interference on my part with their local Agents, by which they conceive their authority to have been infringed & the principles of the Trust violated.

It is unnecessary for me to admit ~~the~~ the right of the Trustees to appoint the Governors and Teachers of their Institutions and to regulate the conduct of their schools is unquestionable — That I have either im-

R. C. Hankinson Esq.

-pugned or obstructed the exercise of this right, I utterly and without qualification, deny- On my arrival in this Diocese I found one of the Institutions of the Miss Charity, combining with the instruction of Children, a Normal or Training School for Masters, conducted by a Teacher appointed by the Trustees, on the Principles of the Church of England adopted under their sanction; the buildings of the Establishment the property of the Church Missionary Society; the whole under the immediate direction of the Clergyman of the District, and occasionally visited by the Church Authorities.-

To this Institution, (the only one in the Island connected with the Miss Charity which contained any of my own people) my attention was early invited and cheerfully bestowed. I visited it first in company with our most excellent and intelligent Governor, Lord Elgin; not with the view of altering a single regulation of the Trustees, but with the simple desire of rendering those regulations more efficient by such aid as the countenance and advice of the Bishop might be supposed to confer.

At a subsequent period Archdeacon Trew

arrived in Jamaica on his way to Nassau—
To those who understand the nature of the
office of an Archdeacon, and the strictness
of his obligations to his Diocesan, it will not
appear strange that I should demur, first
to the principle of permitting one of my Arch-
deacons to accept any extraneous office with-
out my previous concurrence, and secondly
and especially to the appointment of one
Archdeacon to the superintendence of Church
schools within the limits of the Archdeaconry
of another— Under this difficulty I recom-
mended to Archdeacon Trew that with his
Station and duties lying in the distant
Islands of the Bahamas, the trust which
had been confided to him might be best, &
most faithfully fulfilled by the employment
of the Revd Dr Panton as his representative;
& suggested that the position of this Gentleman
both local and official, and his long acquain-
tance with the School at the Grove, indicated
him as the fittest person to undertake this
charge— With the hope of assisting Dr Panton
in this important task which Dr Trew had
devolved on him, and of carrying out what

I understood most certainly to be the wishes of the Trustees, I recommended the employment of a Head Master who might give a higher character to the Normal School; and with Dr. Bunton's consent sent for the Revd. Mr. Wood, whom I had known during many years as a good Trainer of School Masters, for this office. In order to accomplish so desirable an object, I agreed, on the part of another society, to add the sum of £150 to Mr. Wood's income, on condition of his assisting Dr. Bunton in his Sunday duties, and of his officiating on every Lord's day in a neighbouring Church.—
On this invitation Mr. Wood resigned his employment in another Colony, and I had promised myself the satisfaction of witnessing a great improvement in the conduct of the Normal School. The principles adopted by the Trustees, and I think most wisely and humanely, would have been adhered to, and the Institution would have been no otherwise subject to my direction or influence, than that it was under the supervision of a Clergyman of my Diocese, who was likely to accept my counsel so far as it should be consistent with his

engagements to the Trust—

From the conclusive measures to which the Trustees have resorted, under what I would respectfully represent to be a total misapprehension of my conduct and views, I have little hope that they may be diverted; but I cannot omit to express my fears, that the precipitate breaking up of an Institution so well calculated to promote the objects of the Trust, and so manifestly auspicious to the cause of Christian Education, awfully needed in Jamaica, and that too, at a period in which sanguine hopes were entertained by all candid observers, of a large measure of success, will have a tendency to strengthen sectarian jealousies; to interrupt the progress of Practical Christianity in the Land, and to revive those unhappy antipathies, which I cannot but think that the charitable spirit of the Testatrix would have desired by all means to allay.—

I beg leave to reciprocate with you and with the Trustees my earnest wish to direct our correspondence of any appearance of irritation or disrespect, and praying

that God may enlighten us all in this and every other matter with His good Spirit. —

I have the honour to be, Sir,

Your very faithful servant

(signed) Aubrey G. Jamaica.

Bp's Lodge Jamaica
July 16/44

The Bp. Jamaica to Rev. R.L. Hankinson

Rec.d Sept 9/44

Wellington 12th August 1844.

My Lord.

I do indeed regret with your Lordship, the non-arrival of the Clergyman for the Mission in this Parish, - that district being in a most deplorable condition for want of the means of Grace. I am really astonished that they have, with the trifling assistance I occasionally give them, remained so long in connexion with the Church - considering the many attempts on the part of the Baptists to draw them away. They are however relying on your Lordships promise to them - their daily expectation of the arrival of their minister, do not complain - Our Heavenly father does all things well - & I trust that this trial of their faith will cause them to rely more implicitly on him, to enjoy more gratefully, & place a greater value on the preaching of his word, than they perhaps might have done, had these privileges been continued to them uninterruptedly -

In regard to the duties at Laconia, beg to assure your Lordship that it will afford me pleasure to render every assistance in my power towards supplying Mr Wilson's place - & altho' I have as much duty to perform as I can well manage, yet Laconia being only 12 miles from my place of worship at Dunmunde, I can after performing the duties at Mount Hermon at seven o'clock & Dunmunde at ten, proceed on to Laconia, & officiate there at half past two in the afternoon.

If this arrangement will be satisfactory to your Lordship, I shall be glad to render my services every fortnight, until Mr Redfern arrives - But I would suggest to your Lordship that the assistance of the Manchester clergy would greatly relieve me in this duty -- The Revd Mr Littlejohn resides about 16 miles from hence, & Mr Stephens about 10 miles - The distance between this chapels is only four miles - By one of these gentlemen officiating alternately at both of these chapels on the same day, the other could easily take my duties here, whilst I proceeded on to Laconia - In this manner all our places of worship would be open on the same Sunday - & Laconia would

I have the benefit of a Morning service every fast night - Could your Lordship kindly attend to my application would be much obliged -

Not having seen Mr Wilson since his severe illness, I am unable to express any opinion respecting his recovery - He still remains at San Lothar, where he was first taken ill, a distance of forty five miles from Lacovia - But from the last accounts received from Mrs Wilson, she mentions that he was gradually improving in his general health, tho' he was still unable to use the side affected -

Remain
My Lord
Your Lordships faithful Servant
C. J. P. Dowich.

Mr. E. Neuman, Aug. 13/44

Rt. Rev. C. P. Power D.D. Jamaica

Is the Right Rev.
the Lord Bishop
Bishop's Lodge
St Andrews

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Bishop's Lodge –

15th: August 1844.

Rev.d Sir,

I beg leave to enclose
you a letter which I have
received under the
seal of secrecy addressed to
me, & the Governor of
Western Australia, at the request of
the Revd
Mr. Marsh –

I remain, Sir, your obedt. hble.

Servt.

Governor Hill

Bishop of Jamaica.

Copy Lodge Augt. 18/64

Rt. Rev. Bp. of Jamaica

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Rec'd Aug 7/44

Bishop's Lodge.
28th August. 1844.

Revd Sir,

The Revd Mr Griffiths, whom I have recently appointed to the Rectory of Falmouth, brought me yesterday a letter from the Lay. Secretary of the Church Missionary Society, bearing date on the 20th of June, in which Mr Griffiths is requested to communicate with me on the subject of the abandonment of the Grove School by the Mico Commissioners, and is

The Revnd
H. Beas
&c &c

informed that it was intended by
the Committee to advise with me
there - on -

In consequence of this communication
I now transmit for the information
of the Committee the copy of my
correspondence with the Secretary of
the Rico Trust; and I confidently
appeal to their candour and judgment
to determine whether the dissolution
of a very hopeful, and already
useful, Institution is chargeable
on me, or on the system of secret
and irresponsible agency which
I shall always deprecate - I have
forwarded copies of this correspondence

to H. M. Government with the intention
of shewing that as the Church in Jamaica
can no longer be benefited by the Negro
Charity, the share of the Parliamentary
aid for the instruction of emancipated
Slaves, to which she is entitled, ought now
to be disbursed only through the
channel of more friendly Associations

Under the discouraging circumstances
to which I have adverted, we have
retained the Master of the ~~ordinary~~ Children's
School at the Grove, but have been
obliged to postpone the arrival of a
Normal School for the important
purposes mentioned in the letter of
Mr. Coates until we can obtain the
assistance of a pecuniary annual

grant from your Committee, or some other Society - From all that I have seen ~~in this land~~ I have been induced to believe, that a well instituted Seminary for Teachers, which might at the same time send out truly pious and efficient men to western Africa, would bring an invaluable blessing on this Community. I believe the locality and nature of the premises at the Grove to be admirably adapted for such a purpose - I believe that I could find a fitting master for the School (who might either be a layman or in Deacons Orders) and it would

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give me the highest satisfaction to aid
in its organization, and to watch
over its progress with careful attention
to any conditions not incompatible
with my office, which the Committee
might think fit to prescribe.

With reference to my last letter to the
Society, I am bound to say that I
still adhere to my opinion that the
Waipau district, is the proper station
for Mr Redford, and that we are
pledged to the people who will
gratefully welcome his labours, to
place him there. I am taking steps
to convert the Station of Moore Town
into an Island Curacy, and to

appoint the Revd Mr Osborne to
that very interesting charge.

Mr Byrne who was sent by Dr Panton
with my sanction, to Pretoria, as
a teacher and catechist in the
service of your Committee, appears
to be a truly religious and zealous
man, and though perhaps not
sufficiently qualified for the instruction
of a Normal School, is highly useful
in his present department. He
has between seventy and eighty
Scholars in his day School, and
on the Lords-day meets and instructs
a congregation of two or three hundred

persons in the Society's school house
at Prattville, I am anxious to hear
of the confirmation of this appoint-
ment, with all the circumstances
which, Dr. Panton has already made
you acquainted -

Commending you and the Committee
in all your benevolent designs to
the protection of Him, who alone
giveth the increase,

I remain, Revd and dear Sir,
Your faithful Servant.

Jeffrey J. Jones

Bp. Jamaica Corr. 28/4/45
Bp. Jamaica 28/4/45
The Bishop of Jamaica

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Bishop's Lodge – Nassau –

5th December 1864.

Revd and dear Sir,

I have to acknowledge your letter of the 1st Ult.o, and the welcome arrival of your kind offering, the Rev. Jas Chadwick, in my diocese, with his wife & children.

The circumstances of Mr Chadwick's visit to this Island, & the extent of the Rev.

to Brothers, Nisbet, in the Case of
your contracting Debts in your Name,
for his Subsistence.

Answer of your Petitioner, the Deputy,
duly with my Service, returned to
his former State at Church Hill,
circumstances having rendered his
employment in the Board of Trade
undesirable to him. Of his Business, I know
but little, & by the enclosed
list I am in no way
his character or his Principles

I desire to be respectfully remembered
to the Society, & sincerely pray for
the prosperity of their Affairs, I remain,
Dear Sir, your humble Servt

Philip Livingston

Philadelphia, 6th Nov 1744.
Benj. Franklin

department for his efforts
there, I can only
wish he may there meet
with a Christian welcome
& Clark & Jones —

From Mr Byron I
Northrop, I can write
a word to report of
his work. & of his
letters & others
may be sent to the
care of Mr Clark
Cleveland. District
This letter to me

Aud. #1 from 4/45

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Bishop's Lodge

April 27th 1845.

Reverend and dear Sir

I have this morning read a letter addressed by Mr. Coates to Mr. Byrne the Catechist and School-master at the Society's Station of Rattville in the Parish of Franchuda. While I rejoice that the Society have consented to defray the Salary of Mr. Byrne until the end of the current year, I cannot but express my surprize to find it asserted that "possession had been taken of the Station of Rattville without the sanction of the Society" — In three several communications which I have had the honor to make to you, I detailed,

or adverted to the circumstances under which I transferred this valuable School master from the Grove to his present position.; and I was fully given to understand by the Reverend Dr. Paxton, and by the recorded correspondence of your Committee with my predecessor, that it was competent to the Bishop to fill up any of the Stations which your Society had vacated; although they would not be responsible for the stipends of persons so appointed.

If I am wrong in this supposition I desire that I may be fairly apprized of the error; and be informed of the extent to which the Society with that I should adopt their vacant Stations.

I beg leave to advise you that I have

re-opened the Normal School at the Society's premises in this Parish; - that I have guaranteed the Salary of one Principal Master, and two Pupil-Teachers; - and that the Vestries of every Parish in Jamaica, have, at my instance, agreed to provide the maintenance of one or two Scholars to be sent by them to the Institution.

For the completion of the Chapel of Silo, or Nassau, I have had the pleasure of assigning the sum of £140. from a Grant of £3.000. placed at my disposal by the Legislature.

I am now at the Lodge for a few days in the course of an arduous visitation, during which I have already travelled nearly 1500 miles by land, and

visited more than 50 Districts. Within three months I have preached at all these Stations, consecrated 14 new Churches, and confirmed nearly 7.000 persons. — In the beginning of the ensuing month I shall, if God permit, embark for the Honduras.

At my visit to Thrschalva I had an opportunity of ascertaining the great usefulness of one of your Missionaries, — the Rev.d Mr. Winckler. — This very pious and zealous Clergyman is now intent on building a Chapel at his Station, where he has hitherto officiated in a storehouse which has been lent for that purpose by the Proprietor of the Estate, who desires and is willing to aid the erection of a Church on the premises of the Society. —

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Anxious as I am to improve the temporal situation of this excellent Missionary, I would gladly avail myself of the opportunity of adopting Knockalva as the second Island Curacy of the Parish of Hanover: but this can hardly be effected until a Church shall be built there; and the Society shall consent to transfer the Salary, now paid by them to Mr. Wrecklin, to some other Missionary whom they may think fit to appoint to either Main and Mount Vernon, — or Ratville. — To this project I earnestly solicit the consideration of the Committee.

Hoping to hear from you on my return from Honduras, I remain,

Rev^d and dear Sir

Your faithful Servant

Henry Isaac.

The Reverend

Henry Venn.

Bp's Lodge April 27/45

The Bishop of Jamaica

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23 Hilton Place

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Reverend and dear Sir.

The Legislature of Jamaica having during their late Session extended the duration of the Clergy Law for fourteen years and provided Endowments for eight additional Benefices I have had the satisfaction of requesting the assent of the Governor of the Colony to the adoption of the Church Missionary Station at Shockalva as an Island Curacy at the Presentation

The Rev.

The Secretary of the

Church Missionary Society.

of the Reverend Mr Wenckler to that Cure.

This arrangement which will I believe take effect from the first of July next ensuing will relieve the Church Missionary Society of the maintenance of one of the Society's Missionaries in Jamaica and will I trust indue them to continue their respective Stipends to Messrs Cooper and Radford whom it is impracticable without injustice to the many Districts requiring pastors to provide for on the Island List.

I would take this opportunity of again recommending to the Committee the removal of Mr Taylor from Jamaica as I perceive no likelihood of his admission to Holy orders in my Diocese. Mr Byrne would be a useful Catechist in any country in which the Society should desire to place him but the position

which he at present occupies and in which he has been very serviceable should undoubtedly be occupied by a Clergyman

I remain

Reverend and dear Sir

Your very faithful Servant

Antigua Jamaica.

Wilton Place
March 6/66

Bishop of Jamaica

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Rec March 19/47

Bishop's Lodge
6th Mo: 18th 47

Rev^d and dear Sir,

I am to acknowledge the
receipt of the letter which you were
so good as to address to me by
the last packet, enclosing the
circular of the Church Missionary
Society with respect to the Establish-
ment of Bishoprics in the Colonies

of the Wife & Children — It would be a Means of procuring Legal Settlements in different Parishes, & Places, & thereby the Poor Rates, and Levies for the Support of Religious Worship & Parochial Charges, would be rendered unequal, & Men of large Fortunes & Estates would be exempted from bearing their proportion of the Burthen of the Poor, which is now borne & discharged in the Parish where the Property lies, & from which they receive the Benefit —

Bishop of Jamaica.

Bishop of Jamaica

The Rev

D. Rose

R. & C.

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Rec Nov 1848.

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Bishop Lodge - Jamaica - 15th Oct 1848

Rev^d & dear Sir,

I am much grieved to hear from a letter which I had the pain of receiving from you yesterday that the Church Missionary Society had withdrawn their Missionary from Vere, & are

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by his conscious exertions for
the cause of his divine master
must be a right. in this
I felt myself justified in making
comments in the course
of this series of letters upon the conduct of
that gentleman - Under the
circumstances of the case, it
will not be necessary to
pursue this subject any further
I shall therefore by observing in
a few words, my decided
opinion, that divine
revelation is a subject for
social intercourse
between the teacher of

Bishop of Jamaica
Aug. 15th 1828.

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Rec'd April 26/52

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Bishop's Lodge
March 29th 1852

Com'd May 10/52

Rev'd & dear Sir,

I have the honor to send with this letter, a copy of a memorial which, at the instance of the combined Ministers of Religion of every denomination in this Island, I have framed, with the view of condensing into the smallest compass a statement of our distressed condition

and a petition for relief.

Petitions, similar to the Memorial addressed to Her Majesty, have been sent to both Houses of Parliament, through the Hands of the Archbishop of Canterbury and Sir Robert Inglis.

It has occurred to us that the Church Missionary Society, whose successful operations in the West India Colonies have laid the foundation of many of our most valuable local institutions, and whose Missionary stations in this Island have been subsequently adopted by our Colonial Legislature, may greatly strengthen our efforts to avert the destruction with which all these institutions are threatened, by addressing Her Majesty's Government on our behalf.

It is really impossible to exaggerate the fear and

depression which at the
prospect of completed
equalization of the sugar
duties have fallen on all
classes of the community.
Memorials, demonstrances,
and petitions have been
crowded on the Government
from all trades and
professions, from the
Legislature, from the
Judges, the Magistracy, the
Planters, and the labourers
who have acted with

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unprecedented unanimity
on this subject. These are
now all united in a last,
but I will not say, despairing
effort, to obtain the only
assistance of which their
case is susceptible, viz.
protection from an unequal
competition with the slave
holding producer, and
governmental aid for
immigration on a larger
scale than has hitherto been
tried. It is my

hope that the Committee of the Church Missionary Society may be induced to co-operate so far with us, as to make some communication to Her Majesty's Secretary of State in advocacy of our claims.

I have the honor to be

Revd & dear Sir

Your most faithful Servt.

Abm Jamaica.

The Reverend

H. Venn V.D.

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Copy of the Rev.d L. Strong's letter to
the Bishop of Barbadoes Nov.r 6.th 1832

My Lord

In compliance with the wishes of the Committee of the Church Missionary Society, I now address you, for the purpose of ascertaining your readiness to receive any of their Missionaries stationed within your diocese as candidates for Holy Orders. The person whom they have in contemplation to present as such, is their Catechist Mr John Armstrong at present settled on a grant of Crown land at the point of junction between the Rivers Essequebo & Massaroony. Mr Armstrong has thro' Divine blessing overcome every obstacle to his establishment at that place, and has been labouring there as a Teacher of the blessed Gospel of Christ, both to children & adults for 14 months & upwards. The object of the Committee in contemplating Mr Armstrong's admission to the Ministry, is purely the advancement of the Redeemer's cause, by placing him should it be the Divine will under circumstances, to facilitate his endeavoured usefulness as a preacher of the word and administrator of Christs sacred ordinances, and otherwise acting as a pastor over the flock, whom God by his means, may wreckon to call back to Him who is the true Shepherd & Bishop of our souls. The Committee will feel much obliged, by your Lordship replying to this application as early, as possible convenient & they are anxious to learn your Lordships decision & ascertaining those who may hereafter from among their steady Missionary Catechists, seek admission at your hands admission to the sacred office of the Ministry of Jesus in our communions, if called to a field of labour within the precincts of your Lordships diocese. praying that the Lord will direct and bless you in this as well as in all other duties of your

Office I remain &c &c

The Bishop of Barbados answer X

Rev.d and dear Sir

I received only a few days since your letter of the 8th ultimo, requesting to be informed on the part of the Committee of the Church Missionary Society, what is required of Candidates for holy orders in this diocese. I consider the question as referring not to the subject matter of examination on such occasions but to the papers necessary to be sent to the Bishop by a Candidate for Deacon's orders previous to such examination; this you will find appended to our "Address to Candidates for Holy Orders," which I printed some years since and circulated in the Diocese: and of which Mr Logan* has probably a copy. Where the Candidate has not been at an English University, nor at Trinity, College Dublin I require him to have studied a certain time at Codrington College in the Diocese under my own more immediate eye: and at the College I am happy to say, there are more than 20 Students of whom the majority are intended for the Ministry. My general rule therefore is to admit none to examination who cannot present the usual testimonials of good conduct, soundness of doctrine, and fitness for the Ministry from one or other of these Institutions: and from this rule I am unwilling to depart except under very peculiar circumstances. Whether a case seems as I conclude this of Mr Armstrong to be, which does not come within this general rule, it must be determined on its own merits I cannot speak until I have the circumstances of the case fully before me, and have the means of judging for myself of the qualifications of the Candidate and the peculiar exigency of his claims.

* Rector of St George Demerara and Rural Dean —

Extract from the,

Document referred to in the Bishop's letter

For Deacons Orders, 1st The signification of his name academical degree, and place of Residence

2d Letter testimonial from his College if graduate College; in addition Letter testimonial from three beneficed Clergymen containing by the Bishop of the diocese

3d A certificate of having attended divinity Lectures

4th A certificate of Baptism from the Register of the candidate Baptism, signed by the Minister and Church Wardens of the Parish

5th A Si quis, and certificate of its publication

6th The Nomination to serve as a title for Orders

The forms of the above are to conclude the same every where —

Rev. L. Sharp's Ord.
Bp. of Barbadoes
Requisites of Candidates
Holy Orders

c w/o 26/1/1

Rec'd Dec 20/33

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Bishopscourt.
22. Dec. 1833.

Rev.d Sir,

I have had to thank you for receiving your letter of the 21.st of September relative to Mr. Armstrong.

His case had already been brought under my notice by the Rev.d Mr. Storrs, at the desire, as stated by him, of the Committee of the Church Missionary Society; but no opportunity has since been afforded me of personally judging of his qualifications for the Ministry. He was about for George Town, when I visited British Guiana during the early part of the year, and it will afford me to be subsequently called direct for England, without visiting Barbados in his way.

I am therefore unable to add any thing further to what I have already given to the Rev.d Mr. Storrs application in his behalf.

I am at a loss of the circumstances, which can influence the Bishop of Jamaica publicly to efface

the Rev.d Mr Jowett

to whether I required a title from Candidates, agreeably
to the provisions of the Statute Book Cantab: or on what
that I might understand the difficulty, under the appearance
of which the Committee are retiring."

In this Circular we are ordered not to state specific
statutes, chapter & verses, nor strictly either the requisite
"ad eundem" degrees, "nec alias exactiones," than
those demanded at the time actually required - under my
license and affirmation: and for the reasons to ordained
and appointed; I can hesitate but to difficulty in finding
a sufficient reference.

Such the view, which I have taken of the intention
of the Law, in its application to the peculiar circumstances
of certain parts of this Diocese, which the Committee from
their engagement, I can have no hesitation in pursuing
appointing me readily to receive Candidates from the
Society's College at Islington, and to admit them,
if found duly qualified, and to affirm their admission
by licence during their year of probation, as Deacons,
at the usual salary of from £100 to £200 sterling a
year, to such stations, as have either not yet been

folled. a again additional help.

at the present moment, more especially, I shall regret it
the acceptance from the hitherto Country I see a due obedience,
character, zeal, and confidence to the discipline of the School
I could under God, fully rely. to in Theological College.
with the course of study pursued under the Archdeacon of
Barbados previous to its opening. has always been
fortunate in selecting Ministers, and is fully answering
my expectations, yet the calls of official candidates
must necessarily for some time be very disproportionate
to the efficiency of the Diocese.

I have the honor to forward my last
respects to the Committee,

and am, Rev. Sir.

your very faithful
& H. Barbados.

Barbadoes Nov. 22/33.

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Rt. Rev. Lord. Bp. Barbadoes.

C.O. 28/13

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33. Bedford Square.
30. May. 1834

Com. of Corr. June 3/34

The Bishop of Barbados presents his respects to the Committee of the Church Missionary Society; and in reply to the letter of their Secretary addressed to himself, and the Resolution and letter addressed to the Archbishop of Canterbury, received by the Bishop yesterday, has the honor to repeat, what he has already stated in conversation to their Secretary, that, after a careful perusal of their Memorial, he can perceive no necessity for the proposed alteration in the discipline of the Church, as far as his Diocese is concerned; nor the difficulties which the

The Committee
of the Church Missionary Society

Committee appear to anticipate, may easily be met from time to time, as they arise, by the exercise of that discretionary power, which is already vested in each Colonial Bishop, in virtue of his Office.

The Bishop begs Jamaica to expect what he expressed in his letter to the Society from Barbados, and more nearly in his interview with their Secretary, his readiness himself to ordain under certain circumstances specified in that letter; & under the same circumstances, and after previous communication with him & the Board of the Society, to accede, as ordained, from the Bishop of London, as many

Students of the Society's College at Aberystwyth, as the exigencies of his Diocese may in his judgment require and the Society be disposed to lend out.

The Bishop will be most thankful for the assistance of the Society at the present moment; but would first himself ask the faithful execution of declining over their unfortunate aid, if it must be sanctioned at the expence of the diminution of the Church, and by introducing an irreligious discipline among his Clergy.

With respect to Mr Armstrong the Bishop begs to refer the Society to the Corporation, which he has already had with their Secretary.

Bedford dg. May 30/34 5/2

Pop. of Barbadoes

Pop. of Barbadoes May 30/34

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29. Bryanston Square
30. June. 1836

Com. of Corr. July 8/36

Sir. I have received from the Rev.d Mr. Jowett Secretary of the Church Missionary Society your Signification - Baptismal Register, and a Testimonial addressed to the Bishop of London.

I shall Testimonial you are desirous of the Church Missionary College, Islington - but as there is [illegible] having resided within the three years, as also for three years previously, in Demerara. Letter to the Rev.d Mr Bishop & the Secretary of State, for the Rev.d Mr Pearse and Jowett can certify to your conduct and Services during that time.

A Form for Testimonial therefore

W. Sle Armstrong

signed by three respectable Clergymen of the Colony of British Guiana with the requisite

I am, Sir,
your faithful
& H. Barbados

Bryanstone Sq.
June 30/34

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Rt. Rev. Ld. Bp. Barbados

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39. Bryanston Square
23. June. 1834.

Comm. Gen. July 8/34.

Rev.d Sir,

I am led the honor of receiving the Parent Committee of the S.P.G. instant, relative to the case of Mr. Armstrong.

In the concluding Paragraph of the Minute, alluded to, allusion is stated that "no steps in the Island of Barbadoes have been adopted by Members of the Church of England" — and from the Statement given in Page 5. of the printed "Confidential" Memorial — the Committee appear led to believe, that, prior to Mr. Armstrong's departure from this Island, steps as an Instructed among the Negroes in 1831, a Plan, as detailed in the Census society Report for 1828 — or 1829 — (I think the former year — but I am not at present in possession of the Reports of last year) had been submitted to that Society and to the Society for the Propagation of the Gospel in Foreign Parts, and to His Majesty's Government; and that the sum of £200 and £100 had been respectively voted by those two Societies for its commencement: and that this Plan was suspended only, a my finding to my great regret, when I visited Demerara,

The Rev.d Dr. Jowett.

as met with the Governor's approval.

At a subsequent visit I learnt, that Mr Armstrong
who had been acting as a Religious teacher in the service
of the United Brethren society, was licensed by the Governor
to settle among the Indians of the River Essequibo.

Of Mr Armstrong's character and qualifications I have
had as yet no sufficient means of judging: for Mr Latrobe's
description in the Committee's printed Memorial, as "an
Individual previously employed as a Catechist in the
Indies" - yet he was neither acting under my Licence, nor
that he been in any way brought under the notice
of the Society:

Mr Armstrong's case in the first instance with be
to forward to my Address the necessary papers and testi-
-monials: and if these prove satisfactory, it will then
be for me subsequently to judge of his qualifications
for ordination: and for the important Mission, a desire
it is proposed to send him.

I am, Rev.d Sir
your faithful
& H. Barbados.

Bryanstone Sq. June 23/34 9/2

Rt. Rev. Ld. Bp. Barbados

C.O. 28/15

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Colonial Corr: June 26/34

29. Bryans Row Square.
29. June. 1834.

Ack.d with Minr. of Recr. of June 17/34
June 20/34

Rev.d Sir,

I take the Liberty to acquaint you
on receiving your Letter of yesterday date
with the enclosed Minute of the Committee
of the 6.th instant; all must deeply regret
the conclusion, to which the Minute
the Committee appear to have come.

The Copy of the Minute and Resolution
passed at the Committee of the 17.th ulto.
to the case of Mr. Hill was sent,
you refer me, was not enclosed in
your Letter.

I am, Rev.d Sir,
your faithfully
W. H. Barbados.

To the Rev.d Wm. Jowett.

Bryanstone Dgf.
June 19/34
Rt. Rev. Ld. Bp. Barbados

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Fullan.
31. July. 1834.

Sir, I have received your Letter of the 21st inst. enclosing also a Memorial of an Interview with the Right Hon.ble S. Rice July 22. 1834 — and I cannot but express it is with, my very great regret, that the Committee shall have again had occasion to express dissatisfaction, instead of addressing a suggestion made at my request by one of the most respectable and influential Members of the Society, to take a special Meeting at which I could most readily have been present, to enter into fully & satisfactorily into the subject.

I am Sir
Your obedient Servant

could hopefully have been done by letter.

If I can succeed at the general convention in this part of the country in the Protestant Episcopal Church, which I think highly suggestive will have been adopted, you I shall then be ready to return from December to attend such meeting where it may be most convenient to the Committee to take it — when I shall bring out also those parts of the Memorials, which I received to have been incidentally given; and add to the questions proposed in your letter, which can best be done at a personal interview.

My direction after the 6th will be as heretofore, Penn.

Yours, in your faithful
C. H. Barbados.

Fulham. July 31/34 114/4

Rt. Rev. Ld. Bp. Barbados

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Jersey.
15. July.

Comm.ee of Corr.e July 22/34

Rev.d Sir.

I have received your Letter of the 8.th instant, incls-
-ing the Minute and Resolution of the Committee of the
same date; and beg to express my regret, that, under
all the circumstances of Mr. Armstrong's case, I
cannot forego the expence to America.

I am, Rev.d Sir,
your faithfully
W. H. Barbados.

Rev.d Wm. Jowett.

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Rt. Rev. Ld. Bp. Barbados

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Rec'd Nov 9/35

Bishop's Court.
24. Sept. 1835.

Rev.d and dear Sir,

I have the pleasure of acknowledging your note of the 14.th ultimo; and, tho' a Clergyman is now in my house for the society for the Propagation of the Gospel, whom I had intended for the Hassanina District, yet I shall very readily employ his services in the Northern part of the Island, and place the latter under the charge of the Clergy, when your Society propose to send out to me. For particulars relative to the Hassanina District I beg to refer you to the Appendix. No. IX of the American Society's Report for 1827- and to p.p. 19 of their Report for 1828.

I shall have much pleasure in receiving the young men on their arrival in Barbados; and their time may be usefully employed, until an opportunity offers for their proceeding to Trinidad. They will easily be directed, on landing, to my house; and I will send afterwards for their luggage

I beg my best respects to the Committee, and to Mr. Coates. and am, Rev.d and dear Sir

your very faithfully
W. H. Barbados.

Rev.d Wm Jowett.

Bp's Court, Sept. 24/35. 28

Lord Bishop of Barbados.

C W/O 36/1/19

Mr Secretary Hay

(Misiones inter aromaticas ande
29 February 1838.)

Copy of a letter of His Lordship the Bishop of Barbados to His Excellency the Lieut. Gov. of Trinidad.

Bishop's court 3 Nov. 1836.

Sir

I have to apologize to your Excellency for not replying by the last packet to the important subject contained in your Excellency's communication of the 28 September last.

I have given to the subject my most serious attention; and have examined the Reports of the last quarter, of the Schools recently established and in operation. The number of children under education, as gathered from the returns of six of the Schools — amount to 270, of whom the average attendance may be taken at 200. — a gratifying result, when we consider how recently those Schools have been established; and that the system avowedly adopted by them was known to be that of the Church of England. Your Excellency will I am assured, feel with me, the importance of not unnecessarily disturbing a system, which has commenced them prosperously.

The subject as proposed by your Excellency for my consideration, appears to resolve itself into two questions.

Whether agreeably to the Rev. Abbé Barfaie's remonstrance and with the Roman Catholic Catechism should be taught in the Schools of the Church of England; and secondly, whether if rightly interpreted the concluding paragraph in your Excellency's letter, the Irish national System of education which excludes the Bible, as a whole from the routine of daily instruction would not be beneficially substituted for that at present acted upon, which stipulates for the introduction into the Schools of the whole body of Christians together with the Catechisms of the Church of England.

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1. To the first the reply must be at once in the negative. No other answer could be expected to such a proposition. The Church of England considers the present Church of Rome to have departed in many essential particulars from the purity of the Christian faith: and could never consent to the introduction into her Schools of a Catechism containing the very errors against which she unceasingly protests.

2. On the second question your Excellency will allow me to state my opinion more fully. I deprecate equally with your Excellency any feeling of rivalship or jealousy between two branches of the same universal Church, brought necessarily into contact with each other within the contracted limits of the same island; but there is nothing that we hold, that the Roman Catholic Church does not teach — only she has added more. We desire unity; but it must be an unity in the truth, not in those additional points on which we consider the Church of Rome to be in error.

By the terms of Sir George Grey's Circular, each religious Society engaged in the work of instruction in the West Indies is left to conduct its Schools on its own principles. The Principles of the Society for Propagation of the Gospel in Foreign Parts are those of the Church of England; and inculcate undeviating their Schools on these principles, the Society, on the faith of this circular, claim, as they have received, — their proportion of aid from her Majesty's Government.

On my last visit to Trinidad, I expressed my readiness, out of the funds of the recently placed by the Society at my disposal to cooperate with your Excellency, and with the other influential inhabitants of the Island in the temporary work of religious instruction. The offer was accepted, Schools were immediately formed, and Schoolmasters appointed under the license of the Bishop of the diocese, through the aid of them jointly afforded by the Colony and by the Society for the Propagation of the Gospel in foreign parts.

Of these Schools two children or more are already occupying the benefit: We are no compulsion. We are ready to receive all into offer themselves. Ist It is optional with the parents to send or withhold their children. We exhort them by the strongest motives of religion and parental affection to send their children. We are anxious for their education. We endeavour and pray for their temporal and spiritual improvement; but we neither constantly can nor do we wish to attempt more.

We teach them those scriptural truths, whereby we hold ourselves to be saved with such other useful secular Knowledge as may be suitable to their station in life.

We place in their hands the Catechism of our Church, which we conceive to be a scriptural and admirable compend manual of christian doctrine and practice; We use at the first for their elementary instruction and for their examination lastly several smaller and lighter expositive works, suited to their years and proficiency, — which are either grounded on the doctrines of Scripture, or drawn up in the words of Scripture, or consisting in the very the Parable, Miracles &c of distinct, entire and undistorted portion of the Scriptures.

As the children advance in years & Knowledge, the New Testament, and at length the Bible as a whole, are carefully read by them in the Schools, and daily explained to them. It is our earnest wish, as it is our bounden duty in compliance with the express directions of our Church to provide, as far as in us lies, that every child be instructed, in the creed the Lords Prayer and the Ten commandments, and in all other things which a Christian ought to know and believe to his soul's health.

From these principles I have no power to depart, nor wish to depart to your Excellency do I fail, that it would be for the interest of the truth, or for the promotion of Holy — which your Excellency has so much at heart —

the happy friendship and good will between the two branches of the same visible Church, within your Excellency's government, that I should speak I am told by an Apostle to hold the truth in love — yet still to hold the truth. Our course is open and defined. We wish not to interfere with any other Church but we wish to do our duty by our own, and to provide instruction for every soul, that needs it, and applies to us for it.

We stand happy in one hand the Catechisms of our Church, and in the other Hand our whole we believe and Catechisms, and Liturgy our Articles, everything on which we teach and hold, to be grounded on the Scriptures of God"; and our language to every one that thirsteth after knowledge, is, in the words of the evangelical Prophet: "come and drink of the water of life".

Praying that in a matter in which the everlasting interests of so many of our fellow creatures are concerned, your Excellency and the Ministers of the both Churches may be guided aright and according to the will of our common Master and great head of the Church

I have the honour to be
Sir
Your Excellency's
very obed. Servt
(Sigd) W. Th. Barbados.

His Excellency The Right Hon.
Sir J. F. Wilk. Bart.

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Barbados August 16th 1836

My Lord

On looking over dispassionately and, I trust, in the spirit of a Christian, my late correspondence with the parent and local committees of the Church Missionary Society, I find that from an undue warmth of temper which gained the ascendancy over my better judgment, I have those feelings which as a Christian, I ought always to cherish and maintain, I have been led to make use of expressions which I now most deeply regret, & which as far as in my power I am most anxious to recal.

I make this declaration to your Lordship without entering at all on the subject recently in dispute between the Church Missionary Society and myself.—

Whether right or wrong, in the view which I then took of the case, I feel it was equally my duty to have abstained from every harsh and uncharitable expression and to have suppressed all asperity of temper.

I trust your Lordship will in future never have reason to blame me for any want of that Christian forbearance which it is my duty to manifest under all circumstances, and in every situation of life.

It is my prayer, My Lord, that through the assistance of divine grace, I may be enabled during the remainder of my life to obey the Apostles injunction which requires us to put on Kindness, humbleness of mind, & meekness, forbearing one another, & forgiving one another—

I remain, My Lord, with the highest respect
Your Lordship's
most humble & obed.t Servt
(s) John Armstrong

To The Right Reverend
The Lord Bishop
of Barbados.

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Bishops Court
17th August 1836

Sir,

I have received your letter of the 16th instant, containing the expression of your deep regret at the language and spirit in which you conducted your late correspondence with the Parent and Local Committees of the Church Missionary Society. —

I am willing in much hope to accept your present retractation, as a sufficient acknowledgement of your culpableness in this respect.

I have read the correspondence very carefully, together with the Resolutions of the Parent Committee, and the letter of the Revd Mr Sowett, and I find in these no imputation against your moral characters, nor any unwillingness on their part to recommend you at some future period for ordination. You are addressed throughout as an Individual still in their service, and not unworthy to remain in it.

With such a feeling still manifested towards you personally, and with so full a retractation before me of that part of your conduct, as has been alone, tho' most justly, made the subject of reprehension, I consider that I am but taking the same line which the Church Missionary Society itself, had they been in possession of the same document, would have adopted, in expressing my readiness to admit you, at the earliest opportunity, as a Candidate for Holy Orders.

I am, Sir,
Yours faithfully
(s) W. H Barbados

To
Mr John Armstrong -

Barbados, Aug. 16/36

W. J. Armstrong to Bp. Barbados

Bps. Court Aug. 17/36

Bishop of Barbados to W. J. Armstrong

Rec'd Nov 4/37

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Bishop's Court.
27. Sept. 1837.

Rev. and dear Sir.

I beg to beg to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 11th of December last; and am happy to hear that the Bishop of Rochester and Bishop Blomfield are about to be further strengthened by two additional Catechists. I shall be able in a few days, I trust, to inform you of the Governor's decision, which I beg to be. If the Natives of Cape Colony and Natal be willing to receive Christian Clergymen - and I feel assured of the affirmative - it is much to be desired, that I be enabled. We ask for be able to direct his entire attention to his new Episcopal duties.

I beg to be, Rev. and dear Sir,

ters of the Society's Catechist, the Rev.
Mr Lynch and Assistant Missionary - the former
has returned to Berbice District, where he
has been since, I understand, joined by the
Rev.d Mr & Mrs Kinsler for Berbice -
and the latter on his retiring for the
Society's service, I have placed in charge
of the Island of Anguilla during the
absence in England of the Rev.d Mr Stevens

Previously to my relinquishing of the Rev.d
Mr Armstrong I had frequent interviews
with him - I had been myself at Berbice
District; I had seen his correspondence with
the Committee; and I required such
satisfactory assurances from him, as I consi-
-dered that the case required. A copy
of these with my answer I enclose for
the Society's satisfaction; and I
trust, under God's blessing, he may render
the Church and Service in the District,

as shall be thought.

The Committee wish to be assured of being immediately acted on from the letter of the 12th of last month; and authorized the Hon. Mr. Benson's motion to be taken first: and if with reference to your letter of the 15th of June relative to Mr. Armstrong. I may attend to be acted with the circumstances of the Committee, you will be pleased to state from me, that your letter did not reach me, until I had already entered on the case with Mr. Armstrong: and had adopted the course which the Committee will now justly deem for the national interests.

I beg to be excused to the members of the Board

and am, by dear Sir,

Your faithful

humble Servant

L. H. Barbarin

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Bishop of Barbados

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Rec'd July 11th 37

Copy of Correspondence between Wm Betts & the Bishop respecting Moore Town

May 22d 1837

My Lord

I am instructed by the Cor. Comee of the C.M.S. to address yr Lordship on the subject of the present destitute state of the Maroons at Moore Town. The Committee learn with regret that the Maroons at that station have now for a considerable time been without any one to instruct their children, or conduct public service on the Sabbath. They have again lately addressed the Cor. Comee to supply this want, & the Comee are very desirous of meeting this application from a people who are strongly attached to the Society, & from it they have received all the instruction & education that has been afforded them since the year 1827.

The Cor. Com. regret they have not at present an ordained Missionary for Moore town, but purpose sending a Catechist to that station. They most respectfully request yr Lordship to inform them if there be any objection to them doing so.

I am
My Lord
Yr
Wm Betts.

The Bishop's reply

Bishop's Lodge
May 22d 1837.

My dear Sir.

Capt Wright called upon me the other day on the subject of your letter, & I regret to say that I

[illegible] at present to send [illegible]
I probable that I shall be enabled in the course of time
to establish a Minister there or at Altamont who might be
useful in affording both settlements religious instruction, but
I fear from the continued absence of the Clergy at present
that all the Candidates for Holy Orders at my next
Ordination are already engaged.

I shall be happy to license any Gentleman as a
Lay Reader to them of those your Committee may offer
& recommend in the usual way.

I remain Dear Sir
Very faithfully Yours
(sgd) C. Jamaica

Rev'd Wks.

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To J. Coates, Esqr. May 24: 1837.

My dear Sir.

Having a little time to spare before the
sailing of the Packet, I send you as above a Copy of
Correspondence I was directed to open with the Bishop. I do
it in order to draw your attention to the fact that the Bishop
does not appear to recognize the Society's stations as permanently
the Society's; but seems not to consider how it unsettles the
affairs of the Society to send a Minister of his own into a place
where the Society has for years carried on its operations; & that at
considerable expence, if not of buildings, yet of rent, salaries,
school books, benches, furniture &c. &c. - as, for instance, at
Spanish Town.

I cannot see how the Society can ever act
with any thing like stability or give any satisfactory

account of its operations; or be able to make any continued impression on the views & religion of a place, if liable at any time to have stations occupied by men whose preaching & practice there is much reason to fear, will differ widely from that adhered to by the Society's Missionaries.

I have no direction from the Cor. Com to draw your attention to this subject; (for it is not to impossible to collect a Com. now;) but I have done so from a sense of its import to the Society.

The Clergyman the Bishop sent to Moore Town on the withdrawal of Rev. R. Forbes was there only for a very short time, if indeed he ever resided there; for months the people have had no instruction.

I shall be glad to hear that the obstacle to the Society's labours above stated can be soon removed.

I am
Dear Sir
Yours truly
W. K. Betts

Kingston May 22nd 37 Lbo.

Rev. W.K. Betts to Bp Jamaica ~~Barbados~~

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Bps Lodge May 22/37

Bp. Jamaica to Rev. W.K. Betts

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Kingston May 24/37

Rev. W.K. Betts

Rec'd Feb 27/38

Bishop's Court
15. Jan: 1838.

Rev: and dear Sir,

Your letter of the 15th of December last having been directed by mistake to the Bishop of Jamaica, at Jamaica, I have only just received it from his Lordship.

I have heard with much surprise of the arrival in Trinidad of the two Catechists mentioned in your letter, having received no previous intimation from the Society to that effect — at the same time I was specially informed of the irregularity in matter of discipline, into which they had already fallen.

I would take the Authorities of Effecting the visit that the Clergyman and Catechists would first proceed to Demerara at Barbados, before they proceed to their respective destinations. It would also, I am advised, tend to their personal convenience & health; in the contrary might have prevented that irregularity. I think the Society will be best always.

inspected I to the Rev. W. Hillhouse.

Both the Catechist attend, & the evening I then arrived, to have gone to the Negro Meeting House, being, as it is alleged, to be the last Church all the King to have passed it.

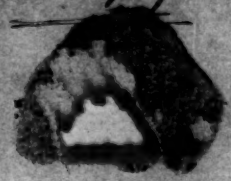
Dear Rev. and dear Sir

Yours faithfully

W. H. Barbados.

Bishops Com. Jan. 15/38.

Rt. Rev. Bishop of Barbados



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Bishop's Court, Barbados
Nov 4. 1842.

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt by the last Packet of your letter dated Sept. 19, to the object of which I shall have great satisfaction in attending to the utmost of my power.

I avail myself of the first opportunity of writing to you on the subject of the Governor Sir Thomas Macleod. I was in England, it may perhaps have come to your knowledge that I was desirous of obtaining a discussion on the [illegible] before the Colonial Office in England. I had already [illegible] before the Secretary of State for the Colonies [illegible]

brought the subject distinctly under the consideration both of Sir Henry Macleod and also of Lord Stanley. The financial pressure which came, I conceive, chiefly, if not entirely from the Colony, but I do not therefore entertain any apprehensions as to its being [illegible] I presume, anticipate from the Government any [illegible] your instructions from their present connexion with the Church. I should therefore rejoice to hear that you had put the Government fully in possession of the circumstances of the case, and of the Society's intentions, that it might be prepared on his return to take [illegible] steps in the matter.

With respect to Mysore I cannot but [illegible] in particular, I anticipate no peculiar difficulty, [illegible] be on the ground of their foreign pronunciation of our language. They are valuable persons, but the Society [illegible] I felt a [illegible]

In the hope of being able ere long to make some more definite communication, I ask an [illegible] my grateful acknowledgments to the Society [illegible] and remain

contain Heal-them valuable institutions, with the
Laborers engaged in them, should continue to
Strengthen and extend the English Church in
the Southern parts of Trinidad,

I have the honor to be,

Sir,

Your very Obed.t Serv.t

T. Barbados.

Bp's Court, Aberdeen
Nov. 24/42

Bishop of Barbados

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Bishop's Court, Barbados
March 7th 1843.

Sir,

Nov. 4. 1842

In replying to the Communication which on the 19th of September last, as Secretary of the Church Missionary Society, you did me the honor of addressing to me on the subject of the Society's Mission to Trinidad, I ventured to express a hope that I should soon be able to transmit to you some information of a satisfactory character. In this, however, I have been disappointed in consequence of the continued absence of the Governor General of that Colony, Sir Henry Macleod; there being an unwillingness to entertain an important question, involving a definitive arrangement with reference to the Church generally, in His Excellency's absence. I have reason to hope that when the Governor does return, which will probably be in April, the Colony will be enjoying

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to make satisfactory provision for a Clergyman,
as at present, at San Fernando, and
another at Savanna Grande; & that
the Schools will also be provided for, if
not precisely as at present, yet as fully
as at some other Schools in that Colony.
My chief fear is, as already intimated
in my last letter, that, notwithstanding
the past services of the Rev. Mr. Eckel
& Mr. Mühlhausen and their acknowledged
their foreign pronunciation will be con-
sidered in the Colony an insuperable ob-
jection to their being provided for by the
Colony in any permanent capacity. —
I thought it right to intimate this to
them, in a letter to Mr. Mühlhausen, with
the view of preparing them for a disap-
pointment which I might not be able to
avert: but I am sorry to observe that
Mr. Mühlhausen has altogether misappre-
hended my object, as well as the real bear-
ings of the question, & has in consequence
brought the matter before the public in
a way by no means commendable. — He
seems to imagine that I have inexhausti-
ble resources at my command, and that

the decision of the matter entirely with me.
— both of them fixed mistaken.

As regards resources, for the maintenance of Clergy & Schools, it may be right to mention that a reduction has just taken place in them to the amount of nearly £2000. p annum: a circumstance which has thrown me for the present into considerable difficulty, & obliged me to make very large & extensive reductions in the Salaries of those, both Schoolmasters & Clergy, who are paid out of our funds at my disposal, — placing it truly out of my power to make any necessary additions to my present Expenses, & rendering me more & more dependant on the different Colonies for the maintenance of their own Clergy & Schools.

Before the reduction, above alluded to, was communicated to me, I had had the satisfaction of admitting into the Order of Deacons Mr. Hawkins, lately a Catechist under the Rev. Mr. Eckel, & licensing him as Assistant-Curate to Mr. Mühlenfels in the District of San Fernando, with a view more particularly to the Settlement

I placed him at the salary of £150.
a year, besides the Local allowance which
has since been granted to them. But on
hearing of the reduction I was compelled
to reduce the £150 to £100, as in the case
of three other Clergymen in Trinidad.—
What the Colony have done in Mr. Haw-
kins's case may, I hope, be considered
as a pledge of their readiness generally
to make such provision for their Clergy,
as is absolutely called for.

I trust that as suggested in my former
letter, the Society have already had an
opportunity of communicating on the
subject of their wishes with Sir Henry
Hardinge, so as the more effectually pre-
paring the way for their Local ar-
rangement.—

With an offer of my best respects to
the Committee, I have the honor, to
be, Sir, your faithful
Obed. Servt.
J. Barbados.

P. S. My visit to Trinidad has been delayed
in consequence of the non-arrival of the Governor,
whom I am particularly anxious to confer with
on the spot.

Received: Nov. 7/43
Rd. by Bp. of Barbados
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Aug July 1845 X Bishop Kemper Barbados

June 25 1845

Rev. dear Sir,

I thank much indebted for the time I can anything to let the fair opportunity I have had of by without informing you that I left the satisfaction while in Jamaica of visiting Nassau and celebrating the new Church of St Paul in the Island of San Fernando. Circumstances could admit of my visiting Savanna Grande on this occasion. After the Consecration of St Paul's, which a confirmation in the Church, at which 48 persons were confirmed, partly from the St. Michaels & partly from those of the Rev. Mr Eckel. It was altogether most interesting & the labors of your Missionary

The Rev. Yours

to results of so gratifying and, I trust also,
so permanent a character. I have
also great pleasure in adding that,
since before the return of His Excellency
Sir Henry Macleod, the Council of
Government had voted stipends
to the Clergymen just mentioned,
as Ministers of San Fernando and
Savonna Grande respectively, at
the rate of £50. annually. Their
stipends are however subject to the
approval of the Secretary of State (Lord
Stanley), and before it is acted
upon, it would be well to ascertain
if that approval has been given, -
which you may probably be able
to do by direct inquiry at the Colonial
Office. Even if it is granted, I would
still be permitted to suggest that
besides the British for which the Salaries
are intended, Messrs Eckell & Mitchan
will have much labor of a
similar kind, to perform,
to the South of the Island, from Mayaro
inclusive, to the Eastward, and the Settlers
in the direction of La Brea, Pt. Cedros,

Barbados June 17th 1763

Rt. Rev. Father in God

Rec'd Mar 8/44
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Barbados, Feb 7. 1844.

Rev. & dear Sir

I have deferred my reply to your last acceptable letter expecting Mess.rs Eckel & Bickhardt of Trinidad would have something to communicate of a definite nature. From the accompanying Extract you will perceive that I have been anxious to obtain for them from the Government of Trinidad an allowance equal to what they have been accustomed to receive from the Society, but that as I have failed: and perhaps the Society on reconsidering the subject,

The Rev.d Henry Venn

will not think the Expectations of the
Governor of Trinidad altogether
unreasonable with reference personally
to Messrs. Mühlhauser & Eckel, for if some,
any one in their favor, would not,
Respectfully, extend to their successors,
but would doubtless be in consideration
of their past Missionary services, or
such Missionary labors as they will
still have an opportunity of continu-
ing in the Southern & Western parts
of Trinidad, out of the limits of the
Parishes, of which it is proposed
to appoint them respectively Rectors,
in the event of the Governor's measure
for the parochial division of the
Island being carried into Effect.
I should certainly be sorry to lose
either Mr. Mühlhauser or Mr. Eckel,
though with my present reduced
means & at the same time a great-

demand for more Curates in Trinidad,
I fear it will be out of my power to
offer to them any addition to their
Colonial Stipends. - I feel much
indebted to the Society for the appoint-
ment of such men; and it would cer-
tainly be a great additional benefit to the Church in Trinidad,
& the likely, under God's blessing,
to tend much to its extension,
if the Society should find it
practicable & right to continue so
much at least of their present allow-
ances as would prevent them from being
losers in income by ~~entering~~
remaining at their present post.

With an apology, which I feel to
be in some measure due, for these
suggestions, I remain, Rev. & dear Sir,
your very faithful
& obed. Servt
Barbados

(4) Jan 7/45

A Copy

Savana Grande 18 March 1844.

To the Right Reverend
the Bishop of Barbados.

My Lord,

I have the honor to enclose for Your Lordships information the Copy of a letter I wrote to His Excellency the Governor, with regard to our Salary. The Secretaries of the Ch. M. Society have requested us to press His Excellency for the payment due to us by the Colony, and in addition to the extract of their letter I communicated to His Excellency they further say:— „ We do not doubt that the Bishop of Barbados will, if needful „ support you in this application. We would suggest therefore your „ application to His Lordship for that purpose. The amount received you „ will of course carry to the credit of the Society, and draw so much less „ on account of the Government Grant for educational purposes."

I would therefore earnestly solicit Your Lordship to support our application with His Excellency and the board of Council, and I trust that the reference I made in my letter to Your Lordship, will receive Your full approbation, and will be in accordance with your views on the subject.

I much regret not to have been favored as yet by Your Lordship with answers to my two letters,- one dated 8 May 1843. and the other -of which I unfortunately lost the date- probably of July 1843. Since that time, my position has become daily more embarrassed, and the want of a Curate, in place of Mr Hawkins, has daily become greater.

On one side the Wesleyans have opened a Chapel & school, which occasioned several children to leave the Mission schools - and keep even our Sunday congregations. — On the other side, on the road to Lanfernando, two American Presbyterian Preachers have settled themselves, who confine their labours & to few of the neighbouring Estates, as far as they are able to visit on foot, and to visit daily; - and some of their Estates are but 10. minutes walk from the Mission. The consequence likewise is a reduction of attendance at Church and School at the Mission.

On an opposite direction, among the American Negroes settled, Mr Cowen the Baptist Preacher in town has begun a Mission. Though he does but merely visit those people, yet has he received numbers into his Communion & appointed one of the old local preachers as his deacon and established regular Baptist Service in a Chapel built for that purpose.

The Priest also uses undue means of Proselytism, as you will see from the inclosed copy of a letter I wrote to him, and which remains unanswered. This is but a solitary instance of undue interference from that quarter.

The greatest difficulty I have to contend with, are the great dispersion of the Inhabitants in this great district, the want of a parsonage since the withdrawal of Mr Hawtrey and hence the impossibility of visiting each of the four principal stations every Sunday as two only can be visited in one day for divine Service, - not to speak of other duties.

I am happy to hear that Your Lordship is soon expected in this Island, and though I have no place ready for consecration, yet I am most anxious & solicitous that Your Lordship will spend some days in my district, to enable Your Lordship to become acquainted with the exigencies & wants of this district, and to advise me in my further proceedings.

I have the honor to be

Your Lordships

Most obedient & humble Servant

Alfred. G. Cobbel.

Rec'd July 20/44

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San Fernando. 26th May 1844.

My Lord,

It is with heartfelt sorrow that I inform your Lordship of the decease of my dear friend, the Rev.d J. G. Muhlhausen, who expired this morning about half past six o'clock, after a short but severe attack of congestion of the liver. His constitution had been sadly impaired for more than two years by his arduous labours; and so convinced was he of this fact, that he contemplated at one time to solicit leave from your Lordship to visit Europe for the restoration of his health. The late changes prevented his doing so, until your Lordship had satisfactorily arranged Ecclesiastical matters in Trinidad.

I am, my Lord,

Your Lordships' obed.t Serv.t

(Signed) Richard Woodman.

The Rt Revd
the Lord Bishop
of Barbados.

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Barbados. 26th June. 1844.

Reverend and dear Sir,

above is a copy of a letter received by the Bishop from the Rev. W.m Woodman on the day of Mr Muhlhausen's lamented death, wh. I have made at his Lordship's desire. His rea-

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The Rev.d A. Venn
Sec.y C. M. Society

son for furnishing you with it is, that some very erroneous statements respecting the immediate cause of that affective event have appeared in one of the public prints of Trinidad ;- and it seems desirable, not only to prevent a mistaken impression being conveyed to the minds of your Committee, but also to correct an error wh. would serve to increase unnecessarily the prejudice against our West Indian Climate.

The Bishop desires me also to take the opportunity of sending you a copy of the Sketch of the Buildings at present in the possession of the C. M. Society, with the sites & cost of their erection, - which was furnished by Mr Eckel & submitted to the Governor of Trinidad, during the Bishop's late visit there. It does not, of course, include the Church in San Fernando, which was erected at considerable cost from local resources and is already vested in the Bishop and his successors.

Mr Eckel's name having been already placed on the Colonial Estimates for the Year, and the Ordinance being actually in progress by which provision will be made for the spiritual care of the Coolies, as well as for giving an additional Clergyman to Savanna Grande, - the Bishop trusts that no impediment will

(it is confidently hoped)

now exist to their transfer, and would suggest that your Committee communicate with the Archdeacon Cummins, now in England, & furnish him (shd. they think fit) with the necessary authority to make the transfer on his return to Trinidad in October.. On the strength of your Committee's promise, conveyed in your communication of Sep. 15. 1862, that the buildings in their possession shd become Ecclesiastical property for the purposes of their erection, - the Bishop will authorize the Clergyman who will succeed Mr. Muhlhausen in Rapaduna to occupy the Mission-house, subject of course to the consent and approval of your Committee, and trusts that, in common with the other buildings, it will be given for the benefit of the Church..

Finding that time will not allow of my making a copy of the list of the Buildings, I shall defer to forward it till the next mail. - I write only and that until a successor to Mr. Muhlhausen is appointed

which will be as soon as even the pending
Examinations are entered / the Rev.d Mr. Wood-
man is to take charge of the District.

I remain, Rev.d & dear Sir,
Yours respectfully & faithfully
Wm. W. Jackson
Bishop's Chaplain.

Archdeacon Cummins's direction is
Clerical Association
15 Henrietta Street
Covent Garden

Charleston June 26/44
Rt. Rev.d W. M. Jackson
San Fernando, May 26/44
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Government House.

31st May 1844.

My Lord.

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter dated the 30 instant in which you make enquiry of me, whether the Reverend Mr Muckhauser, at the time of his decease, was considered by me as on the Ecclesiastical Establishment of this Colony.

The Rt. Revd Dr. Parry. D. D.

Lord Bishop of Barbados. &c

In reply I beg to state, that
Mr Muhlhauser was never
borne upon the Church Establish-
-ment of this Island, and that
at his death I considered him
as a Missionary of the Church
Missionary Society.

I have the honor to be
My Lord,
Your most obedient
Humble Servant
H Macdonell
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Govt House. May 31. 1844.

Governor MacLeod.
to
The Bp. of Barbados

Rec'd Sept 4th 1844

St George, Grenada:
June 7th 1844.

Rev. and dear Sir,

It is with great grief that I have to inform you of the melancholy loss we have sustained by the unexpected decease on Whitsunday last, after a few days' illness, of your excellent Missionary, the Rev. J. G. Kirkhaus of Trinidad. He had been suffering it appears for some time, and at intervals seriously, from an affection of the liver, and was anxious to accomplish a change the climate for a while, but was led to delay this step longer than was

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Sec. of the Ch. Miss. Soc.

prudent by the feeling that his presence would
be necessary, as it certainly would have been
most desirable, in the event of certain changes
occurring in our ecclesiastical arrangements
in Trinidad, which would have materially affected
his own position, as well as that of the congrega-
tions under his charge. The consequence was
that he continued his arduous labors at a state
of health no longer equal to the prosecution of
them, & brought on a crisis of his complaint,
which timely precautions might have averted.
But it would be useless, & worse than useless,
to repine at what is now irrevocable. To him,
we may in all humility confidently trust, that
the event has been, through Christ, a blessed one;—
that it has been the joining of the laborer to his
rest;— of the "faithful servant" to his "great reward"
Of the large & liberal share of good — deep too, I trust,
as well as extensive — of which he has been made
by the divine Mercy the happy instrument, you

rie, I believe, already above. I can only say,
from personal observation and the testimony
of actual witnesses, that he has been indeed
a great blessing to the part of Trinidad in
which he labored, from San Fernando to Cedros
inclusively, as well as in the Sister Island,
and an excellent temper, he combined a com-
mon energy of character sanctified by great
devotedness to his work — the work of saving
and extending the kingdom of our Lord. — His
remains lie buried in front of the Communion
Table of the Church of St. Paul in San Fernando, erected
mainly, under God's blessing, through his
exertions: where his tomb will be, I trust,
a lesson to the Congregation, as well as a bless-
ing for generations to come.

I could ill spare such a man at such a
time, when measures are in contemplation,
the effect of which will be, to extend consider-
ably the usefulness of the Church in Trinidad, as

well as require a large addition to their number.
I shall forthwith take immediate steps to supply
the vacancy, as I should wish the vacancies (in the
whole work must no longer be thrown upon one man,
occasioned by this afflictive dispensation. Though
it will, in many respects, be difficult to find one
to fill his place

From the great public loss I am allowed to pass
to the heavy private affliction occasioned by the death
of your friend & brother, to his amiable widow and
her four young children, whom I should speak of
as humanly almost destitute of help, were I not
aware of the care taken by the Church Missionary
Society of the families of those who take charge
of their lives in the Service. Not only
their claim to this education, I trust, be in this
no wise affected by the circumstance
that the Society's Mission was on the point of
being received upon the reëstablishment
of the Island, & that a temporary provision
had been already made for their reception though
not as yet actually accepted by Mr.
Mitchell, who was unwilling, on the terms

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proposed, to relinquish her connexion with the Society
& was waiting, I understood, the very arrival
in the Colony, of a Vessel of a larger burden called
he might accept) before he came to a decision
on the subject. The many expenses that
I was to have incurred (such as in justice to her family
to have occupied the four days previous
in visiting the Missions at Savanna Grande
together with Mayaro and in consecrating
the Chapel-School of St. Matthew's at Rospeche,
during which time she would have gone fully
into the question of her remaining or
not in Trinidad. His death prevented the
accomplishment of this purpose.
The day went off unusually heavy
rains & such as to render the roads almost im-
passable, & thus me embarrassed & detained
visiting that part of the Island, & exciting

on occasion of this [illegible]. Being anxious to
W. Muhlhausen the children, I enquired par-
ticularly respecting her husband's connexion with
the Colony, & ascertained that, at the time of his
death, he had accrued nothing from the Board
in the Score of Salary, but merely a small allow-
ance for boat hire in visiting Roper Church & Ecles.

The accompanying Despatch received from Sir
H. Macleod in answer to an enquiry from me,
will shew what the Salary & rank of the
subject is. Under all the circumstances, I trust
that notwithstanding the untoward Changes
(in which Mr. Muhlhausen might ultimately
have felt himself unable to take a part),
his services will be regarded by the
Society as having a claim to all that generous
consideration, which they would otherwise have
extended to the bereaved family of a valuable
Missionary cut off in their service, after eight
years hard labour in the very prime of his life
and in the midst of their wants.

I think it right to add that, since Mr. Mühlhäusser's death I have submitted to the Governor that, in the case of the Rev. Mr. Eckel (should he continue to labor in Trinidad), the annual stipend proposed should be increased from £350. to £450, in consideration of the assistance already given to the Colony by the Society, & its liberal transfer of its buildings to the Church in Trinidad for the purposes of their erection: and to this suggestion His Excellency is disposed to attend.

I enclose with the Governor's despatch some extracts from the Trinidad papers, which it may be interesting to you to peruse. I am, Rev. & dear Sir, with an offer of my best respects to the Committee

very faithfully yours

T. Fawcett

Grenada. June 6th

Bk. of Barbadoes.

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Bishop's Court, Barbados:
July 4: 1845.

Rev. & dear Sir,

You will probably have heard already from the Rev. Mr. Eckel, that the Island of Trinidad having recently been divided by law, for ecclesiastical purposes, into sixteen parishes, and seven of these having been constituted into six Rectories, two being in one case united, the following are among the Rectories viz:

The Rectory of Savanna Grande, where Mr. Eckel is stationed, now the Parish of St Stephen

_____ North Naparima, now St. Paul's

_____ South Naparima, now St. Luke's.

These were the principal fields occupied by your Missionaries, & hitherto almost exclusively by them, the chief exception being in the case of Savanna Grande, where the work was begun long before 1836, by

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subsequently much interrupted. Looking to the benefits thus conferred by the Church Missionary Society, and being desirous that the work should be continued as far as practicable in the hands of persons, who might well be supposed to enjoy the confidence of the Society, as well as myself, I had the satisfaction, after visiting the Parishes in question, & informing myself on the subject as fully as I was able during a months residence in Trinidad, of instituting on the 21st May the following Clergymen to be Rectors; namely.

The Revd. A. L. Eckel to be Rector of St. Stephen's.

The Revd. Thomas Gilbert (formerly a Catechist of the Society) to be Rector of St. Paul's, your other Missionary, the Revd. J. G. Mühlhausen, having, as you are aware, been removed by death, to our great loss, last year

The Revd. L. J. Hawkins (likewise formerly one of your Catechists) to be Rector of St. Luke's.

I am also in hopes of being able ere long to station a Clergyman, as Island Curate, at Cedros, to which part of the Island Mr. Mühlhausen's labors were occasionally extended; and another

& now included in the Parish of Christ Church

at Point à Pierre (near St-Peters) she may also attend to Arpenche or (near St Andrew's) But there may be difficulty in obtaining proper Laborers for these cures, & a suitable provision for them. — Altogether indeed I expect many difficulties, even in the Parishes which have been constituted Rectories, more particularly in supplying St Stephens and St Lukes with suitable Parish Churches, as well as in providing Assistant Curates to each of the Rectors. — Should the Society be disposed to give us any aid towards these objects, it would be most seasonable & acceptable &c. Though our Districts have become Parishes, & the Parishes Rectories, there is still a large amount of Missionary work. The remark is still more applicable to Christ Church & Eden & St Peters, and beyond even these, to the Eastern Coast, where there are a number of disbanded Black Soldiers with their families destitute & in present of all Spiritual care, among whom I am most anxious to place some really as Island Curate, who would to all intents be a Missionary, as a large portion of their Clergy still are

* more particularly among the Immigrants from Africa & the East, and whom I mention because a copy of an Appeal, this title will explain itself.

When in Trinidad, I mentioned to his Excellency
Sir W. Maxwell the readiness of the Ch. Miss.
Society to transfer to the Church for the purposes
of their erection their Ecclesiastical buildings
with the School houses, when their Clergy should
be received on the Ecclesiastical establishment
of their Colonies provided Sir W. Smith, I trust, be
allowed that the condition has been fulfilled:
and I have requested that the Society will be
allowed to communicate directly with the Govern.
of Trinidad & to ask his Excellency to have the
titles granted for their buildings by the Govern.
ment, & which have never been formally secured,
conveyed to the Bishop & Rector of each Parish
for the time being in trust for the purposes of their erection,
as also to authorize me, as Bishop, with the
Rector in each case, to receive the same in such
trust; agreeably to the tenor of the letters with
which I was favored by yourself on 1 Augt.
1844, and by Mr. Coates on 19th Sept. 1842.
A similar authority with to convey and to
receive will also be required, where the land
has been promised by private individuals.
as in the case of Belmont, St Pleasants,
& Williamsville; with a conveyance therein
in the case of Jordan Hill & Mount Stewart.

I enclose a list of the Buildings as fur-
nished to me by Mr. Eckel, & with a grate-
ful acknowledgement of the extensive good
done by the Ch. Miss. Society in Trinidad,
have the honor to remain, Rt & dear Sir,
your very faithful Servant.

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Prof. Paul Barbados
Paris 4/65
The Rt. Rev. Bishop of Barbados

The Most Hon. Henry Venn
Sec. to the Ch. Miss. Society
Salisbury Square
London.

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P. S. I should have mentioned that for the remaining nine Parishes the new Law contemplates Island Curates at £150 a year and Assistant Curates at £100 each: i.e. the Colony will contribute that amount, which must however be aided from other Sources, to produce an adequate provision;— the island contribution in each case to be subject to the approval of the Governor in Council; which has been already given in two instances, and will soon, I hope, be extended to 4 or 5 more. — I trust that the pecuniary part which the Church Missionary Society has taken in bringing about, under God's blessing, these satisfactory results will be but a subject of grateful retrospection, as it ought to be of thankful remembrance to the inhabitants of Trinidad, and to all who are laboring for the Extension of Christ's kingdom amongst them. Sincerely yours at home

J. B.

Nov 1845

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Extracts from a letter received from the Bishop of Barbados. dated the 15th August 1845.

The Reduction of aid from England having already taken place to so serious an extent, the question can no longer be deferred how this deficiency is to be supplied? Something must be done and the question is, what that something is to be.

Now I quite agree with you that where principle is concerned, at least a religious or moral principle, there can be no compromise, i.e. no compromise of the principle. - - -

But the question arises in our present system of parochial schools, not only is excellent but so exclusively excellent as to make it a matter of principle to contend for it at all hazards, even against the powers that be ordained of God?

If I understand the matter aright, the religious ground on which the duty of maintaining our parochial schools rests, - is this: - that the Church is bound to give Catechetical (by which I mean, elementary religious) Instruction to the children within her pale, and to the way to children of all classes, not merely to the poor, and that Parochial Schools are a convenient channel for affording this Instruction in conjunction with other Instruction of a useful though not necessarily religious character, such as Reading, Writing, Arithmetic, Geography, Grammar, Needlework or other industrial employments - - And undoubtedly where a people

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or even the great body of the people are of one mind in Religion, there can be no question that the Union of Religious and useful Education in one School has many conveniences, but it has also its disadvantages which are mainly these:-

1st The duties of Catechist which require superior practical both of piety and religious knowledge are generally in our Schools even in the best of them devolved upon persons very incompetent to their satisfactory performance, and that the Clergyman looking upon the children at the daily Schools as sufficiently instructed in Religion too often gives them little or no instruction himself.

2dly The Holy Scriptures are in our Parochial Schools not only read as I have just intimated in an unintelligent and uncompromising manner, moreover with little or no devotional reverence, being made too much a exercise for the mere learning to read, & placed too much on a level with any common Class book, just as the Catechism is often learnt by rote without being understood, much less practically applied.

The effect I think has been to substitute for the direct catechetical teaching of the Church a System of much inferior quality, and less edifying character, and of the Clergy would not consider it a necessary part of their pastoral duty, to feed the Lambs of the flock, or at least personally to direct and superintend the work on some well digested plan, there is every probability that the children of our Church would be much more intelligently and devoutly taught, than they are now in our Parochial Schools.

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as a useful Instruction. It is clearly not the special duty ~~of the Church~~ to provide that ~~That duty belongs rather to the State~~. Nor abstractedly is there any necessary reason why useful and religious education should be combined. If they have been so combined it has rather been a matter of Economy, or Expediency or other grounds, or sometimes of Tendency. ~~On religious grounds~~ It is no more a duty to teach Writing & Arithmetic, than it is to teach Shoemaking, Sail Making &c. So that there is clearly no question of religious principle involved in the separation of useful from religious Instruction. It is simply one ~~of practice~~ of expediency in so far as the separation may lead to remove many from under the religious Instruction of the Church.

We have further to consider that although the Government is not likely to give us the additional aid, which we shall now propose, such as would place them on an efficient footing, it is likely and almost sure to encourage some System or Systems of Education most probably on general System on a combined principle and this it will do partly for economy sake, partly in order to prevent ill will and partly in accordance with the example of Government at home.

If we stand alone, there will be the evil, never to be removed without a paramount necessity of an apparent opposition on the part of the Church to the Government, and there will be the additional evil, of throwing the whole system of Government Education into the Scale of Protestant or Roman Catholicism. If by opposing it we could prevent the adoption of any such general System, though the arguments would be decisive for

remaining as we are. We can only do [illegible]

Nor must we forget that there still are not few communities in several districts who have no means beyond those which whatever we can [illegible] of procuring to give them useful instruction, especially in reading, [illegible] religious instruction & our own children, during any part of them, we might do more than by the present course towards enlightening them and also bringing them to a knowledge of the truth.

I will summon up in a few brief remarks what I would at present say on this difficult subject. —

1st. I would not abandon our present System of uniting Religious and useful Instruction though as practised in our parochial schools it is in a Religious view especially, far from satisfactory, without any real apology, but and actually [illegible] of it has not come already, and soon be forced upon us.

2d. I cannot from my own experience recommend dependance on Voluntary contributions for the support of our Schools generally — especially in opposition to a Government System — the class of Infant Schools or others of an inexpensive character, the voluntary principle might possibly continue here and there. I should be glad however to be apprised that it extended the necessary system with sufficient & full attendance required.

3. Religious Education may I think without any compromise of principle be separated from that which is merely useful, and under a well directed System might be separated with advantage to both, only that the Religious Instruction be duly attended to.

As a child may be sent to learn French or Italian, or Music or Hebrew, so from one whom you would not make his teacher in Religion, may not reading, writing, arithmetic &c? or may instruction in



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as he pro b be taught to read any religious books, any more than we do our own children. –

4. In contemplating a combined, or rather combining system of Instruction supported by Government, (that is a System combining children of different persuasions in one School) I do not contemplate any religious instruction whatever being given at the Government School, as it could not under the circumstances be given except on a false principle, or in a very defective manner, (as in the Irish National Schools). I suppose the religious Instruction to be left entirely to the Church or Persuasion to which the Child may belong. This I consider to be an essential point – the Government School would be exclusively for Secular Instruction, like the proposed Irish Colleges. But religious Instruction, though not given at the School should be insisted upon as a sine qua non, by the Government; no Child being admitted in the School without a Certificate from the Pastor or Minister of the Congregation to which it belonged of being under regular Christian Instruction, satisfactory to such Pastor or . such Certificate to be renewed quarterly or at least half yearly and to be liable to be withdrawn when it ceased to be true.

5th. For the religious instruction two hours might be allowed twice or thrice a week (besides Sunday), say from 9 to 11 a.m. –

6th The Government School opening so much later on those days and in one case the Instruction might be given perhaps best (?) at the Church, under the personal Superintendance at least of the Clergyman (Pastor or Curate), aided by paid or voluntary Catechists, the little children being taught their Catechism, and those that could read, being also instructed in really understanding and applying the Scriptures as also in the use of the Common Prayer Book, and other similar matters

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including the committing to memory prayers, hymns, & good moral songs, the mere art of reading as well as writing, Arithmetic, Grammar Geography &c being left entirely to the Government Schools — such a System would involve little or no expense to the Church except perhaps for books, as doubtless persons would gratuitously volunteer their services for 5 or 6 hours weekly.

As the Counterpart the plan would require some modifications probably, but that might easily be made without affecting the principle. Mind you will say in the same with that of the proposed Irish College, not of the Irish National School, and so in fact it is, Exactly that I would insist on a permanent agency of religious and christian Instruction and admit none without an assurance to that effect

I submit the above for consideration, not as expressive of my own decided sentiments on the subject

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Aug. 15/45

Bp of Rochester's Charge

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Rec. Jan. 1/24
Com. Feb. 10.

George Town Demerary
Sept. 23rd. 1823

Revd. Sir,

I beg leave to forward the enclosed, & to assure you that I feel a most lively interest in the Missionary cause, particularly in that branch of it connected with our Established Church. I beg to repeat the assurances made to Rev. Mr. Payne of my readiness to communicate with your Society, & to cooperate to the best of my ability with any Missionary who may be sent out; my local knowledge & experience of the different stations will enable me to afford a Missionary on his commencement of labours in this field, may be of some service, & they shall be most cordially given. I must observe with regret that while our harvest is great, our labourers are few, &

& frequent & earnest are my prayers
to the Lord of the Harvest that he
wd send many other Labourers
among us. I have some thoughts
of returning shortly to England &
shall do myself the honor of
waiting on you personally, & may
perhaps be able to furnish you
with a detail of particulars wh
may interest the feelings of a
Society whose object is the conver-
sion of the Heathen. This will
be handed you by a Mr Bennett
a graduate of Oxford & a resident
of this Colony, he is also a candi-
date for the Ministry, & I have
requested him to seek a personal
interview with you. You will I trust
pardon this liberty, when I assure
you that I feel too deep an interest
in the cause, to be deterred by
mere etiquette in thus addressing you
tho' a perfect stranger,

I remain,
Rev.d Sir,
very faithfully
Yours
W. J. Boustead

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Rec'd June 5/44

Kingston Upper Canada
May 4th 1844.

My dear Sir:

I have to express my regret, on receiving your letter of the 31st Jan.y, at finding that it has been my unfortunate lot to receive from the Rev.d Mr. Bethune, a letter desiring that I would reply thereto — but no letter has as yet come to my hands, although I have written to the Rev.d Mr. Bethune, and also to the Rev.d Mr. Leeming, requesting an explanation of the circumstance, and have now written a third letter on the subject of the delay.

I had my little opportunity of pledging the Rev.d Mr. Mitchell for Missionary labours, as the state of his

the Rev.d Henry Venn

wealth almost precludes him from doing anything, but he does express himself as most anxious to be actively engaged, & during the last short period of his residence in Paris he devoted himself in such a manner that Sir C. Lamb's testimony in favour of his diligence & expertness in general learning as a Civilian himself attained almost the very highest, and Dr. Lushington that he had gradually improved in knowledge & in the art of speaking that course of study which it will be necessary for him to attend to before he can offer himself for the Degree.

I am sorry, dear Sir, to speak with any uncertainty respecting Mr. Christian, as regards his fitness for the ministerial office, but the Archdeacon tells me he feels him to be deficient in [illegible] & going into a profession

Examination, & when his efficiency will depend on a great measure the time when he may [illegible] for ordination. Mr. Berrian is [illegible], [illegible] very much pleased with him, & thinks also highly of his father-in-law, but so generally much esteemed of — and the circumstance of his constitutional [illegible] seem decidedly in favour of his going.

I most sincerely desire that G. may answer & G. [illegible] as an [illegible] [illegible] & [illegible], & visit. am earnest prayer that he [illegible] may [illegible] & [illegible] abundantly.

Yours very affectionately

G. [illegible]

W. [illegible]

Kingston Ms May 6/46

The Bp. of Louisiana

Georgetown, Demerara
July 29th 1852

Sir

I have the honor to inclose an Extract of a dispatch from the Secretary of State which I have received from the Governor of this Colony in relation to the Slave Trade.

You are doubtless aware that in addition to our Colonial Legislature the Administration of Justice & all matters connected with Shipping are entirely under the control of the Imperial Government.

I have &c

and Madras. Amongst them
besides we have hardly made any
impression, and considering the
establishments of the Cures connected
with the charge of the Clergy, it is hardly
possible that they can give them
attention to the acquirement of their
languages with the expense of
the regular & severe duty which daily
presses upon them -

We have written to
Archbishop Carter for 2 or 3000 extra Gospels
Liturgy & Testaments

but I cannot but believe that they will be favorably regarded, and if your Society would undertake the risk & responsibility, I need hardly assure you that I should feel most grateful & thankful.

I am sure that no Clergyman here would give very cordially and that he expends near the entrance in Sunday School work - comm -

I have no desire to dictate what may be the best place for commencing your labours - but I may suggest whether by your Committee here -

I write only about that I may be
the better enabled to answer any
accusation you may bring against
me, but I hope I shall
learn to exercise myself to
keep a conscience void of offence
towards God and towards
men.

You are sensible many
persons think religion would
prevent the gratification of those pas-
sions in their power to
indulge, as the Gospel inculcates
mortification to a considerable extent

by the persons in Phenix whose duty it
would naturally execute in their
other better hand.

I have not finished upon
the question of Phenix teachers, since
some of that nation have yet reached
us — but we are expecting to receive
some more daily to our
present number. If
it be your wish to ask your Committee
to keep up in mind that any
new Engagements either by our
Colonial Government. The
importance of being the first to
enter the field and the main stock

and hence under the Banyan of the
Queen of Macedonia in whose Land alone
Grecian Force shines in the Intention
which I now Impress on behalf
of those who are already Enrolled
and for those who are soon
expected to Recruit upon their Arrival.

Respectfully I am Humbly Commanded
by V. Commanders, Sister and Cousin
to the Most Mighty Dragon may he
be Exalted, Thus my Heart is
Exhausted by V. Faithful Servant to Obey

H. P. Blavatsky

The Secretary of
State would have
seen clearly this was a passage
in the Book which Colonel
Henderson at the close of the year.

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Rec'd May 9/53

No 4 161

Geo. Gibbs, Esq. Astoria

Washington Territory - April 7th 1853.

Dear Sir

I thank you very much for
your last kind note.

When I had taken the
measure of cod-fishing you recommended
on the Columbia River, the
Straits, & Sound I felt
I corresponding Committee here
to be directed & explained
the best Means

consideration & [illegible] proves an-
the age & experience and all [illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible] upon him the faithful [illegible].

He does not deny that he wd. like to have a slight addition to his income in order that he may expend more upon the education of one or two of his children, & of course he knows the risk at the termination of the three years, altho' I wd of course do the best I can for him, if he is less favorably placed than he now is —

Commending, at this time, the better judgment of Y. Excy. I [illegible]

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Rec'd April 15 No 3

Geo. Town, Kentucky
March 9th 1835

Rec'd the pleasure of
your letter of the 16th ultimo,
and I am indeed sorry to learn in
the same that you have not found
a Clergyman for St. Louis & Carondelet
but I may be pardoned
after I am in St. Louis.

The Episcopal Church of
Kentucky continues to make very
little progress, and seems in the greater

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Rec. Feb 27/52

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Geneva Switz. January 26th 1852.

My dear Sir,

I have allowed a month to elapse before I had decided, whether I could communicate any intelligence of real importance concerning the Greek Version of the Old Testament, which I had undertaken at your request. My late visit to Berlin was undertaken for the purpose of consulting Dr. Tischendorf, who has devoted many years of his life to the collation of Greek MSS. of the Bible, and who has published the most valuable edition of the Codex Sinaiticus, which he discovered in the Convent of St. Catherine on Mount Sinai. I was fortunate enough to find him at home, and I had the pleasure of spending several hours in his company, during which he showed me the treasures of his study, and communicated to me the results of his researches. I found him a most amiable and intelligent man, and I left him with the impression that he was a sincere Christian, and a true lover of the Bible.

shall be read — ready to appeal to Court. Upon
excellent Authorities as far as it is to be seen to
do so.

When the former occasion did seem fit
much to take the last Act [illegible] at the first
hundred Children, for when it is not so much Day
that they were to Gather, in Evening to Dance, about Bonfire
Night, were getting in very Early, & Sound out
Expectation to Dinner when Letter came to Town,
as such as when Admiralty Letter came to Electing effect
Instructed when they were.

When Read the Petition against Lewis &
Lumsden in London Judges when Mr. Ivimey after
Indian Riches who are Invited very Kind to Pleasure House
for two days formerly from the Season. Mr. Lewis expect
Yacht to Carry him up to Hull that Time, Confirm
Time & Mr. in Two days desire Mr. Ingleson, and Mr.

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answer
Mayor of the City of New York. George Law
Dec. 29th 1855

My dear Sir,

I regret very much
to learn that you have had
the misfortune to be robbed
of your Securities & Bonds &c. I have
written to Secretary Cobb
letter to accept. I have no doubt
but that Mr. Stevens & I can
accomodate the Officers which you
require & shall, at all times, be
glad to serve

I could say and do nothing more to change the determination which the Legislature of Virginia.

I think that one circumstance which might induce me to the measure, is the apprehension that there has a disinclination existing some where to compromise the case which

evidently had entirely the
in the practice of medicine.
The circumstances under
which I got into practice,
& the way I became
known beyond the little
of the school which I was formed.
Just as I was getting
a tolerable run of work. Compe-
tition became more & more keen
& I found for many years, gradually
but a change to a better church

when that time has elapsed, if he be spared to do his Master's work in another portion of the vineyard. It is at the termination of his engagement with you here & then [illegible] [illegible] employed elsewhere -

[illegible] [illegible] Roman [illegible] [illegible] by the [illegible] of Rome [illegible] after this - [illegible] would so important a station, [illegible] so many [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] in any [illegible], remain so long untended? Surely our [illegible] faith should [illegible] not be [illegible] of the [illegible] in this [illegible] [illegible] especially.

I am well aware of [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]. [illegible] [illegible] do I pray that you may at least be [illegible] to [illegible] up the [illegible] which Dr. [illegible] departure causes.

With [illegible] [illegible] wishes & [illegible] of the kind regard Believe me

My dear Sir

faithfully yours

[illegible]

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Lambeth May 31. 1832

Com. Corr. June 3/32

Revd Sir,

I beg to transmit to you a letter, and the Resolution of the Church Missionary Society which was enclosed with it, to the Bishop of Barbados, and his Lordship has since communicated to me a letter addressed to you on the subject, which has my entire approbation.

In respect to Ordination, a responsibility so awful rests upon Bishops, that the determination in every particular case has always

be left, as I think it ought to be left, to their own consciences, and I could not feel myself authorized, at least without evidence of corrupt motives, to call upon any Bishop for a statement of the reasons, which induced him to decline admitting any individual into holy Orders. In the case of Mr Armstrong however there is at present no question on this point. The Bishop of London has evidently acted with the greatest propriety, and I do not

understand that Mr Armstrong has presented himself to the Bishop of Barbados since his arrival in this country, which is obviously the first thing he ought to have done if he wished to be ordained to a Mission in his Lordships Diocese.

I remain, Revd Sir,

Your obedient Servant

W. Cantuar:

Lambeth, May 31/36

Archbp. Canterbury.

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Abbp. of C. May 31/36

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My dear Mr. Morgan.

I think that the plan which you propose will be the best under the circumstances: viz

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Papakura — 5.

Wishing you and Mrs. Morgan a happy Christmas

I remain.

Yours very faithfully

G. A. Kreland